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Office of Planning & Codes

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

New Liquor License

Wiscasset Board of Selectmen

January 7, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m. in Municipal Building Hearing Room

1. APPLICANT: Michael Benner
BUSINESS NAME: Twisted Iron Customs
LOCATION: 424 Bath Road

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Special Amusement Permit

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Town of Wiscasset

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Selectmen
Fr: Laurie Smith, Town Manager
Re: Twisted Iron Special Amusement Permit
Dt: January 2nd, 2014

Attached please find the documentation regarding Twisted Iron's special amusement application for 2014. Michael Benner wishes to hold events at his Route One facility on the first Wednesday evening of each month. The events will take place both indoors and outdoors as weather permits. Misty Parker and Stan Waltz met with Mr. Benner to review his application. Since these are new events and we have no history with attendance, staff feel comfortable allowing the events with the following parameters

Operating Dates : First Wednesday night of each month.

Operating Hours: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Allowed Uses: Monthly motorcycle and hot rod charity events.

Amplified Music: During events from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Sanitary Facilities: bathroom facilities in building are adequate.

Food Service: Meet State of Maine Health Inspector requirements.

Parking: parking on-site is adequate for 80 cars. Additional overflow parking is available at other locations if written authorization is received by the Town. No parking at any time shall occur along Route One.

Alcohol: Liquor license required for events.

Signage: Adequate signage will be placed on Route One to direct people to facility and monitor traffic patterns.

Abutter Notification: The applicant will notify abutters of plans and event schedule.

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LIQUOR LICENSE-NEW APPLICATION

Business requesting new liquor license: Twisted Iron -

Code Enforcement Officer:

Comments: I do not see any code issues

Signed: [Signature] Dated: 12-6-2013

Wiscasset Police:

Comments: NO ISSUES

Signed: [Signature] Dated: 12-09-2013

Planning Department:

Comments: None

Signed: [Signature] Dated: 12/9/13

Date application received: 12/5/13

Date advertisement paid: 12/5/13 Date advertisement to run: Jan 2 - NTA

Date of required public hearing: 1/7/13 7pm

Date public hearing posted: 12/30/13

License Approved: _____ Dated: _____

NOTICE

To avoid any delay in the processing of your application and issuance of your liquor license, please make sure that:

- ✓ 1. You have completed the application in full.
2. Application is signed by the owner (s), Corporate Officer or Club Officer.
3. The municipal officers have signed the application.
4. The license fee is correct and you have included the \$10.00 filing fee.
5. A diagram of the premises to be licensed accompanies the application.
6. If business is located in an unorganized township. The application must be approved by the County Commissioners and the \$10.00 filing fee paid to them.

SPECIAL NOTE

Limited Liability Companies, Limited Partnerships and Corporations must complete and submit the Supplementary Corporate Questionnaire.

Stock ownership in non-publicly traded companies must add up to 100%

Private Clubs and Fraternal Organizations must complete and submit the Supplementary Questionnaire for club applicants.

**Department of Public Safety
Division**



Liquor Licensing & Inspection

Promise by any person that he or she can expedite a liquor license through influence should be completely disregarded. To avoid possible financial loss an applicant, or prospective applicant, should consult with the Division before making any substantial investment in an establishment that now is, or may be, attended by a liquor license.

<u>BUREAU USE ONLY</u>	
License No. Assigned:	
Class:	
Deposit Date:	
Amt. Deposited:	

PRESENT LICENSE EXPIRES _____

INDICATE TYPE OF PRIVILEGE: MALT SPIRITUOUS VINOUS

INDICATE TYPE OF LICENSE:

- RESTAURANT (Class I,II,III,IV)
- HOTEL-OPTIONAL FOOD (Class I-A)
- CLASS A LOUNGE (Class X)
- CLUB (Class V)
- TAVERN (Class IV)

- RESTAURANT/LOUNGE (Class XI)
- HOTEL (Class I,II,III,IV)
- CLUB-ON PREMISE CATERING (Class I)
- GOLF CLUB (Class I,II,III,IV)
- OTHER: _____

REFER TO PAGE 3 FOR FEE SCHEDULE

ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED IN FULL

1. APPLICANT(S) (Sole Proprietor, Corporation, Limited Liability Co., etc.) <u>Twisted Iron</u> DOB: _____			2. Business Name (D/B/A)		
<u>Customs</u> DOB: _____					
<u>Michael Benner</u> DOB: <u>4/10/73</u>			Location (Street Address)		
Address <u>424 Bath Rd</u>			City/Town	State	Zip Code
			Mailing Address		
City/Town	State	Zip Code	City/Town	State	Zip Code
<u>Wiscasset</u>	<u>ME</u>	<u>04578</u>			
Telephone Number <u>W-687-8023</u>		Fax Number <u>Cell 504-2920</u>		Business Telephone Number	
Federal I.D. # <u>46-3077753</u>		Seller Certificate #			

- 3. If premises are a hotel, indicate number of rooms available for transient guests: _____
- 4. State amount of gross income from period of last license: ROOMS \$ _____ FOOD \$ _____ LIQUOR \$ _____
- 5. Is applicant a corporation, limited liability company or limited partnership? YES NO

complete Supplementary Questionnaire, if YES

6. Do you permit dancing or entertainment on the licensed premises? YES NO

7. If manager is to be employed, give name: _____

8. If business is NEW or under new ownership, indicate starting date: 7/22/13

Requested inspection date: Sat. if possible Business hours: 9-6

9. Business records are located at: 424 Bath Rd, Wiscasset ME 04578

10. Is/are applicants(s) citizens of the United States? YES NO

STATE OF MAINE
Liquor Licensing & Inspection Unit
164 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0164
Tel: (207) 624-7220 Fax: (207) 287-3424

SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CLUB APPLICANTS

1. Exact Club Name: Twisted Iron Customs

2. Title, name, birth date and telephone number of each principal officer of the club:

Title	Name	Birth Date	Telephone #
owner	Michael Bennett	4/10/73	504-2920

3. Date Club was incorporated: 4/30/13

4. Purpose of Club: () Social () Recreational () Patriotic () Fraternal

5. Date regular meetings are held: N/A

6. Date of election of Club Officers: N/A

7. Date elected officers are installed: N/A

8. Total Membership: _____ Annual Dues: _____ Payable When: _____

9. Does the Club cater to the public or to groups of non-members on the premises? () YES () NO

10. Excluding salaries, will any person other than the Club, receive any of the financial profits from the sale of liquor?

() YES () NO

11. If a manager or steward is employed, complete the following:

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Signature and Title of Club Officer

Print Name and Title of Club Officer

11. Is/are applicant(s) residents of the State of Maine? YES NO

12. List name, date of birth, and place of birth for all applicants, managers, and bar managers. Give maiden name, if married: Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

Name in Full (Print Clearly)	DOB	Place of Birth
Michael N. Benner	4/10/73	Maine

Residence address on all of the above for previous 5 years (Limit answer to city & state)

13. Has/have applicant(s) or manager ever been convicted of any violation of the law, other than minor traffic violations, of any State of the United States? YES NO

Name: Michael Benner Date of Conviction: 7/31/09
 Offense: Violation of protection order Location: Friendship
 Disposition: _____

14. Will any law enforcement official benefit financially either directly or indirectly in your license, if issued? Yes No If Yes, give name: _____

15. Has/have applicant(s) formerly held a Maine liquor license? YES NO

16. Does/do applicant(s) own the premises? Yes No If No give name and address of owner: business, building is leased

17. Describe in detail the premises to be licensed: (Supplemental Diagram Required) _____

18. Does/do applicant(s) have all the necessary permits required by the State Department of Human Services? YES NO Applied for: _____

19. What is the distance from the premises to the NEAREST school, school dormitory, church, chapel or parish house, measured from the main entrance of the premises to the main entrance of the school, school dormitory, church, chapel or parish house by the ordinary course of travel? 5 mi. Which of the above is nearest? church

20. Have you received any assistance financially or otherwise (including any mortgages) from any source other than yourself in the establishment of your business? YES NO
If YES, give details: _____

The Division of Liquor Licensing & Inspection is hereby authorized to obtain and examine all books, records and tax returns pertaining to the business, for which this liquor license is requested, and also such books, records and returns during the year in which any liquor license is in effect.

NOTE: "I understand that false statements made on this form are punishable by law. Knowingly supplying false information on this form is a Class D offense under the Criminal Code, punishable by confinement of up to one year or by monetary fine of up to \$2,000 or both."

Dated at: _____ on _____, 20____
Town/City, State Date

Please sign in blue ink

Signature of Applicant or Corporate Officer(s) _____ Signature of Applicant or Corporate Officer(s) _____

STATE OF MAINE

Dated at: Wiscasset, Maine Lincoln ss
City/Town (County)
 On: 1/7/2014
Date

The undersigned being: Municipal Officers County Commissioners of the
 City Town Plantation Unincorporated Place of: Wiscasset, Maine

Hereby certify that we have given public notice on this application and held public hearing thereon as required by Section 653 Title 28A, Maine Revised Statutes and hereby approve said application.

THIS APPROVAL EXPIRES IN 60 DAYS

NOTICE – SPECIAL ATTENTION

§ 653. Hearings; bureau review; appeal

1. **Hearing.** The municipal officers or, in the case of unincorporated places, the county commissioners of the county in which the unincorporated place is located, shall hold a public hearing for the consideration of applications for new on-premise licenses and applications for transfer of location of existing on-premise licenses. The municipal officers or county commissioners may hold a public hearing for the consideration of requests for renewal of licenses, except that when an applicant has held a license for the prior 5 years and a complaint has not been filed against the applicant within that time, the applicant may request a waiver of the hearing.
 - A. The bureau shall prepare and supply application forms. [1993, c.730, §27(amd).]
 - B. The municipal officers or the county commissioners, as the case may be, shall provide public notice of any hearing held under this section by causing a notice, at the applicant's prepaid expense, stating the name and place of hearing, to appear on at least 3 consecutive days before the date of hearing in a daily newspaper having general circulation in the municipality where the premises are located or one week before the date of the hearing in a weekly newspaper having general circulation in the municipality where the premises are located. [1995, c.140, §4 (amd).]
 - C. If the municipal officers or the county commissioners, as the case may be, fail to take final action on an application for a new on-premise license, for transfer of the location of an existing on-premise license or for renewal of an on-premise license within 60 days of the filing of an application, the application is deemed approved and ready for action by the bureau. For purposes of this paragraph, the date of filing of the application is the date the application is received by the municipal officers or county commissioners. This paragraph applies to all applications pending before municipal officers or county commissioners as of the effective date of this paragraph as well as all applications filed on or after the effective date of this paragraph. This paragraph applies to an existing on-premise license that has been extended pending renewal. The municipal officers or the county commissioners shall take final action on an on-premise license that has been extended pending renewal with 120 days of the filing of the application. [1999, c589, §1 (amd).]
 2. **Findings.** In granting or denying an application, the municipal officers or the county commissioners shall indicate the reasons for their decision and provide a copy to the applicant. A license may be denied on one or more of the following grounds:
 - A. Conviction of the applicant of any Class A, Class B or Class c crime: [1987, c45, Pt.A§4 (new).]
 - B. Noncompliance of the licensed premises or its use with any local zoning ordinance or other land use ordinance not directly related to liquor control; [1987, c.45, Pt.A§4(new).]
 - C. Conditions of record such as waste disposal violations, health or safety violation or repeated parking or traffic violations on or in the vicinity of the licensed premises and caused by persons patronizing or employed by the licensed premises or other such conditions caused by persons patronizing or employed by the licensed premises that unreasonably disturb, interfere with or affect the ability of persons or businesses residing or located in the vicinity of the licensed premises to use their property in a reasonable manner; [1993, c.730, §27 (amd).]
 - D. Repeated incidents of record of breaches of the peace, disorderly conduct, vandalism or other violations of law on or in the vicinity of the licensed premises and caused by persons patronizing or employed by the licensed premises; [1989, c.592,§3 (amd).]
 - E. A violation of any provision of this Title; and [1989, c.592, §3 (amd).]
 - F. A determination by the municipal officers or county commissioners that the purpose of the application is to circumvent the provisions of section 601. [1989, c.592, §4 (new).]
- [1993, c730, §27 (amd).]
3. **Appeal to bureau.** Any applicant aggrieved by the decision of the municipal officers or county commissioners under this section may appeal to the bureau within 15 days of the receipt of the written decision of the municipal officers or county commissioners. The bureau shall hold a public hearing in the city, town or unincorporated place where the premises are situated. In acting on such an appeal, the bureau may consider all licensure requirements and findings referred to in subsection 2.
 - A. [1993, c.730, §27 (rp).]
 4. **No license to person who moved to obtain a license. (REPEALED)**
 5. **(TEXT EFFECTIVE 3/15/01) Appeal to District Court.** Any person or governmental entity aggrieved by a bureau decision under this section may appeal the decision to the District Court within 30 days of receipt. Upon resolution of the appeal, if an applicant's license renewal is denied, the bureau shall refund the applicant the prorated amount of the unused license fee.

This license is only going to be used for motorcycle
and hot Rod events. One event a month.

PREMISE DIAGRAM

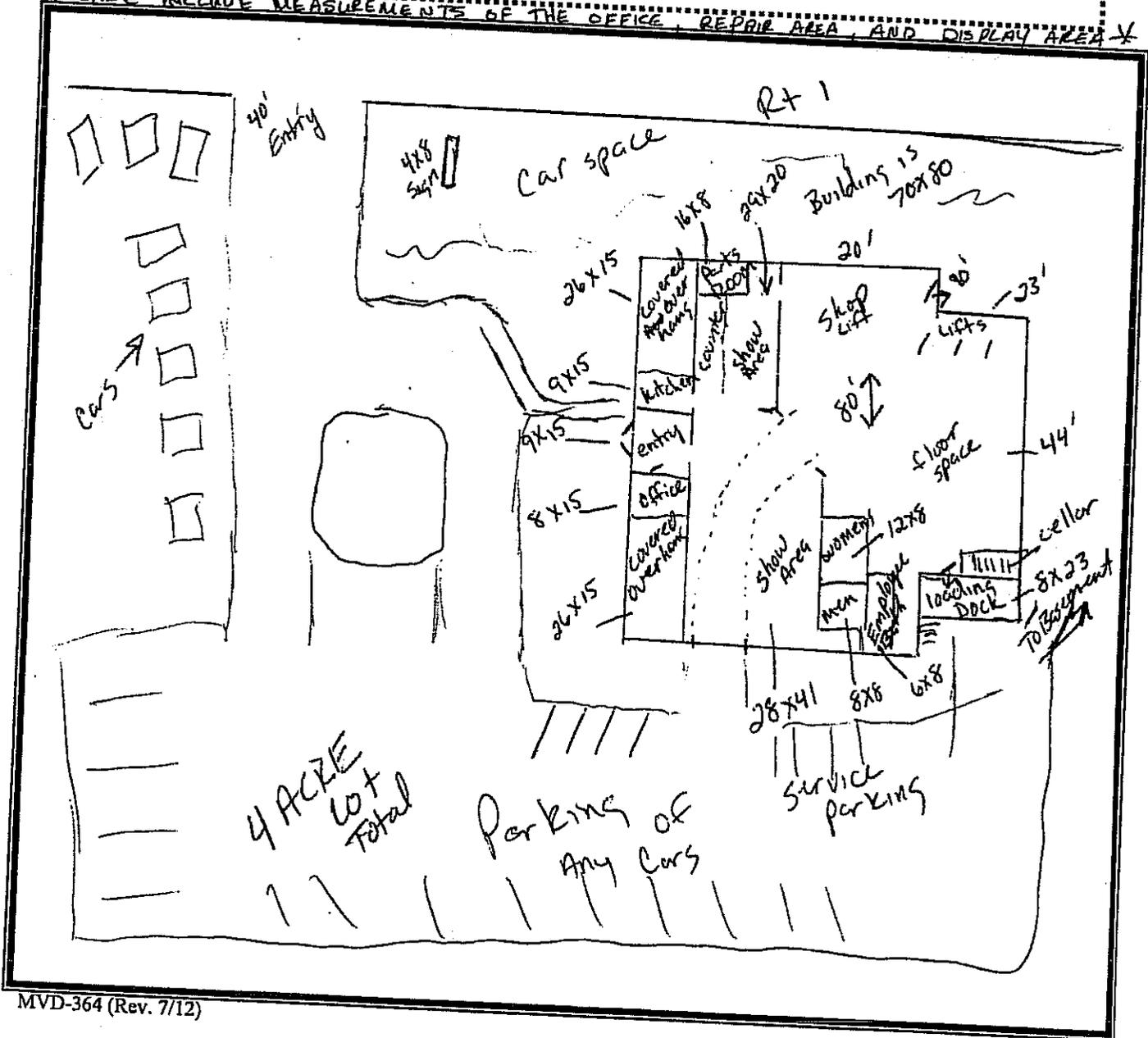
Dealership Plot Plan

Dealership Name: Twisted Iron Customs

Dealership Location (Physical Location) 424 Bath Rd. Wiscasset ME 04578

Please use the area provided below to draw a layout of your facility. Include the dimensions of the office area, repair area, and the display area. Also indicate where the sign will be posted. If there are any other businesses operating at this same location, show their area as well.

* PLEASE INCLUDE MEASUREMENTS OF THE OFFICE, REPAIR AREA, AND DISPLAY AREA *



Print Name

Twisted Iron Customs

Print Name

NOTICE - SPECIAL ATTENTION

All applications for NEW or RENEWAL liquor licenses must contact their Municipal Officials or the County Commissioners in unincorporated places for approval of their application for liquor licenses prior to submitting them to the bureau.

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FEE SCHEDULE

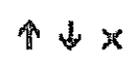
Class I	Spirituos, Vinous and Malt	\$ 900.00
	CLASS I: Airlines; Civic Auditoriums; Class A Restaurants; Clubs with catering privileges; Dining Cars; Golf Clubs; Hotels; Indoor Ice Skating Clubs; Indoor Tennis Clubs; Vessels; Qualified Caterers; OTB.	
Class I-A	Spirituos, Vinous and Malt, Optional Food (Hotels Only)	\$1,100.00
	CLASS I-A: Hotels only that do not serve three meals a day.	
Class II	Spirituos Only	\$ 550.00
	CLASS II: Airlines; Civic Auditoriums; Class A Restaurants; Clubs with catering privileges; Dining Cars; Golf Clubs; Hotels; Indoor Ice Skating Clubs; Indoor Tennis Clubs; and Vessels.	
Class III	Vinous Only	\$ 220.00
	CLASS III: Airlines; Civic Auditoriums; Class A Restaurants; Clubs with catering privileges; Dining Cars; Golf Clubs; Hotels; Indoor Ice Skating Clubs; Indoor Tennis Clubs; Restaurants; Vessels; Pool Halls; and Bed and Breakfasts.	
Class IV	Malt Liquor Only	\$ 220.00
	CLASS IV: Airlines; Civic Auditoriums; Class A Restaurants; Clubs with catering privileges; Dining Cars; Golf Clubs; Hotels; Indoor Ice Skating Clubs; Indoor Tennis Clubs; Restaurants; Taverns; Pool Halls; and Bed and Breakfasts.	
Class V	Spirituos, Vinous and Malt (Clubs without Catering, Bed & Breakfasts)	\$ 495.00
	CLASS V: Clubs without catering privileges.	
Class X	Spirituos, Vinous and Malt - Class A Lounge	\$2,200.00
	CLASS X: Class A Lounge	
Class XI	Spirituos, Vinous and Malt - Restaurant Lounge	\$1,500.00
	CLASS XI: Restaurant/Lounge; and OTB.	
FILING FEE	\$ 10.00

UNORGANIZED TERRITORIES \$10.00 filing fee shall be paid directly to County Treasurer. All applicants in unorganized territories shall submit along with their application evidence of payment to the County Treasurer.

All fees must accompany application, made payable to: TREASURER, STATE OF MAINE. - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, LIQUOR LICENSING AND INSPECTION DIVISION, 164 STATE HOUSE STATION, AUGUSTA ME 04333-0164. Payments by check subject to penalty provided by Sec. 3, Title 28A, MRS.

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Scottsdale Liquor application



Roberta Wentworth (Bobbie@jedwardknight.com) A
 To: twistedironcustoms@live.com A

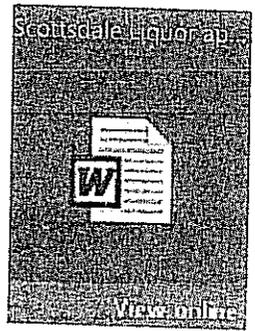
From: Roberta Wentworth (Bobbie@jedwardknight.com)
 Sent: Thu 11/07/13 4:55 PM
 To: twistedironcustoms@live.com



I trust Bobbie@jedwardknight.com. Always show content.

1 attachment (105.2 KB)

Outlook Active View



Download as zip

Here is the liquor liability application. There is **NO HOST LIQUOR** coverage on your current policy. The estimated cost of this policy would be \$1,000.

I have also requested a quote for lowering your garage keepers from \$500,000 to \$350,000. I will let you know the savings.

Thank you. Bobbie

Roberta "Bobbie" W. Wentworth, CIC

Roberta Wentworth



Bobbie Went...
 Sign up

Already on Facebook?

Scottsdale Insurance Company
 Home Office: One Nationwide Plaza
 Columbus, Ohio 43215
 Adm. Office: 8877 North Gainey Center Drive
 Scottsdale, Arizona 85258

Scottsdale Surplus Lines Insurance Company
 Adm. Office: 8877 North Gainey Center Drive
 Scottsdale, Arizona 85258

Scottsdale Indemnity Company
 Home Office: One Nationwide Plaza
 Columbus, Ohio 43215
 Adm. Office: 8877 North Gainey Center Drive
 Scottsdale, Arizona 85258

1-800-423-7675

Liquor Liability Application

(COMPLETE IN ADDITION TO ACORD GENERAL LIABILITY APPLICATION)

Applicant's Name _____
 Mailing Address _____

 Location #1 _____

 Complete a separate application for each location.
 Web Site Address _____

Agency Name _____
 Agent _____
 Address _____

 E-Mail _____
 Phone _____

PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE: From _____ To _____ 12:01 A.M., Standard Time at the address of the Applicant

LIMITS OF LIABILITY REQUESTED	
Each Common Cause	Aggregate
\$ _____	\$ _____

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

1. Type of risk:

- Bar/Tavern
- Casino
- Catering Service
- Comedy Clubs
- Convenience/Grocery Store
- Drive-through Daiquiri Shop
- Gentlemen's/Strip Clubs
- Liquor Manufacturer/Microbrewery
- Night Clubs
- Other (Describe): motorcycle-rod shop charity events
monthly
- Package Store
- Restaurant
- Wholesaler/Distributor

2. Type of ownership:

- Corporation Individual Partnership Other

3. Have you ever been assessed a fine for violation of a law concerning the sale of alcohol, or had your liquor license suspended?

If yes, when and why? _____ Yes No

4. Name on liquor license: Twisted Iron Customs

Type of liquor license: beer/wine

5. Square foot area of establishment: _____ (Maximum Occupancy: _____)

6. Premises within city limits? Yes No

7. Have all servers been through any server training (tips, tops)? Yes No

Type of course: _____

How often required? _____

Ride home policy? Yes No

8. Number of servers: 2

9. How often does the manager review liquor liability laws with employees (including penalties for serving intoxicated customers)? monthly

10. Are procedures in place regulating the sale of alcohol to minors or those under the influence? Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

How is age of customer verified? drivers license

11. Type of clientele: Area Residents Area Workers Tourists College Other: _____

12. Percent of clientele: Under 25 10 % 25-30 20 % Over 30 70 %

13. Type of area: Industrial or Commercial Residential Rural Other _____

Located on or near college campus? Yes No

14. How many years has the applicant been in business? 20 yrs.

15. How many years has the applicant been at this location? 6 mos.

16. How many days per week is the location open? 6

17. What time does the location close? 6:00 Hours of serving? 2 hrs. 1x monthly

18. Is there a cover charge? Yes No
If yes, what is the amount? \$ _____

19. Do you have "Happy Hour" or 2-for-1 drink specials? Yes No

Is last call announced? Yes No

Are customers allowed more than one drink at last call? Yes No

20. Are patrons allowed to BYOB (Bring Your Own Booze)? Yes No

21. Security Activities:
 Bouncers Doorman Off Duty Police

Contracted Security Firms: inside outside armed unarmed

Any firearms kept or carried on the premises? Yes No

22. Are there procedures for handling violent or disruptive patrons? Yes No

If yes, please describe? _____

23. Types of entertainment activities:
 Live Entertainment Type and how often? 1x monthly charity events

DJ Dance Floor Size: _____ Juke Box

Pool Table(s) Number: _____

Electronic Games Type: _____

Mechanical Devices Type: _____

Other activities that would include patron participation (such as: wrestling, boxing, volleyball, etc.): _____

Special Promotions Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

24. Estimated liquor receipts: \$ _____ Other receipts: \$ _____
25. Average price for: beer \$ 4.00 wine \$ 4.00 liquor \$ —
26. Percent of receipts for on-premises consumption: _____ %
27. Percent of receipts for off-premises consumption: _____ %
28. Estimated food receipts: \$ _____
29. Percentage of liquor receipts to total receipts: _____ %
30. Prior carrier: _____ Policy number: _____
31. Has applicant had any claims or occurrences that may give rise to claims? Yes No
 If yes, give details: _____
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32. **Gentlemen's clubs:**
 Turnover rate for staff: _____
 Are servers/dancers in training? Yes No
 Does applicant prohibit serving of alcohol after hours to their staff? Yes No
 Are clients allowed to purchase drinks for dancers/hostesses? Yes No
33. **Manufacturer:**
 Tours of Facility? Yes No
 Free samples given? Yes No
 If yes, how is quantity controlled? _____
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34. **Distributor:**
 Any sponsored events? Yes No
 If yes, describe: _____
 Policy for giving away alcoholic beverages by Sponsor? Yes No
 If yes, describe: _____
-
35. **Caterers:**
 Are clients/guests allowed to mix their own drinks? Yes No
 Does caterer provide liquor or bartending service? Yes No

FRAUD WARNING:

Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties.

FRAUD WARNING (APPLICABLE IN TENNESSEE AND WASHINGTON):

It is a crime to knowingly provide false, incomplete, or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company. Penalties include imprisonment, fines, and denial of insurance benefits.

FRAUD WARNING APPLICABLE IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime, and shall also be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars and the stated value of the claim for each such violation.

I understand that Liquor Liability is a separate coverage part and the limits requested in this application apply solely to liquor liability coverage and may differ from the General Liability limits afforded in my commercial package policy.

I further understand that the Company is relying upon statements I have made in this application as an inducement to provide insurance for Liquor Liability coverage.

APPLICANT'S NAME AND TITLE: Michael Benner owner

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE:  DATE: 12-5-13
(Must be signed by active owner, partner or executive officer)

PRODUCER'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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WISCASSET BOARD OF SELECTMEN,
BOARD OF ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
DECEMBER 17, 2013

Preliminary Minutes

Tape recorded meeting

Present: Vice Chair Judy Colby, Pam Dunning, Tim Merry, Chair Ed Polewarczyk, Jeff Slack and
Town Manager Laurie Smith

1. Call to Order

The chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Executive session regarding poverty abatement requests

Jeff Slack moved that the Board of Selectmen go into executive session pursuant to the provisions of M. R. S. A. Title 36, §841 (2) to consider requests for abatement of taxes for reasons of poverty. Vote 5-0-0. The board entered executive session at 5:31 p.m. and exited at 6:24 p.m. Judy Colby moved to come out of executive session. Vote 5-0-0.

Case No. 13-04: Pam Dunning moved to approve. Vote 4-1-0. Case No. 13-05: Pam Dunning moved to postpone to the January 7, 2014 meeting. Vote 4-1-0.

3. Discussion of 2013 property tax abatements

William T. and Karen Valentine (R09-008E, Acct. #1122): Mr. Valentine said the \$200,000 land value was too high based on comparable properties and the building was in poor shape. Sue Varney said she had researched the records when land base values were changed on Young's Point Road, and it appeared that the values were based on water influence (shallow tidal or marsh). Varney will provide a definition of shallow tidal and marsh so that the board will have a basis on which to make decisions. Judy Colby moved that the board ask Sue Varney to make a site visit and evaluate the site and building and return with a new number at the January 7, 2014 meeting. Vote 5-0-0.

Richard & Ellen Hall (R05-132-A, Acct #802): The property no longer has a pool and Varney recommended an abatement. Jeff Slack moved to approve an abatement of \$990, resulting in a refund of \$16.03. Vote 5-0-0.

Town of Wiscasset (R07-092A, Acct. #2592): This lot was not coded municipal and was taxed in error. Varney recommended an abatement valued at \$24,900 resulting in a refund of \$403.38. Pam Dunning moved to approve. Vote 5-0-0.

Lori and John Allen (U02-019, Acct. # 1331): Varney said the garage function had been changed from 80% to 100% but it was discovered the original 80% was correct. Judy Colby moved to approve an abatement valued at \$3,400, resulting in a refund of \$55.08. Vote 5-0-0.

Map U22, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 4A, 5, 13, 14, and 27: Varney said these lots were factored at 225% and recommended they be treated as lots across the street (100%). Judy Colby moved to decrease the factor from 225% to 100% on the above nine properties. Vote 5-0-0.

Varney asked that the board visit at high tide Lots 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21. She said the lots are being assessed for water influence and she believed that was in error. Judy Colby said it was not possible to see river from these properties and would rely on Varney's recommendation. **Colby moved to remove the water influence from Lots 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 on Map U-22. Vote 5-0-0.**

A short recess followed and the meeting resumed at 7 p.m.

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

4. Approval of Treasurer's Warrant: December 10 and December 17, 2013

Judy Colby moved to approve the Treasurer's Warrant of December 10, 2013. Vote 5-0-0. Judy Colby moved to approve the Treasurer's Warrant of December 17, 2013. Vote 5-0-0.

5. Approval of Minutes: December 3, 2013

Pam Dunning moved to approve the minutes of December 3, 2013. Vote 4-0-1.

6. Public Comment

Deb Pooler reported that Wiscasset High School had been selected to compete in the WGME Channel 13 School Spirit Challenge, a friendly competition between schools to show school pride and spirit, while helping the community. The program is designed to promote the community and good stewardship with students of high schools in Central and Southern Maine through an ongoing food drive to benefit the Good Shepherd Food Bank. Pooler said the school needs support and she invited the community to a pep rally on January 31 at 5 a.m. which will be broadcast on WGME.

Doug Smith, a candidate for school board, said the newly elected board will need interim funds before a new budget is approved for the fiscal year starting July 1. He said that the board will have immediate expenses for attorneys, staff, hiring principals, computers, office and supplies. In addition, immediate action will have to be taken to replace laptop computers and a server, to take care of deferred maintenance and to rectify faulty records. Smith asked the town for a \$250,000 line of credit to be voted on at a special town meeting.

The Town Manager said the school board would have to borrow against future income or take it from the reserve account. A bond anticipation note against a budget that has not been approved is a concern. Ed Polewarczyk said he would prefer to have the elected school board make the request for funds to the selectmen and Budget Committee; Judy Colby asked for clarification by the January 7 meeting on the \$1,500,000 already approved for withdrawal. Laurie Smith said that if the voters authorized a bond, the selectmen would have the authority to decide on how it is spent.

7. Department Head or Committee Chair Report

A. Discussion of Molnlycke Tax Increment Financing and expansion project: Molnlycke Development Director James Detert announced that Wiscasset has been selected for the 32,000-sq.-ft. expansion of the Rynel facilities, pending purchase of the Rynel building, affordable design of the expansion, and approval of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and credit enhancement agreement. Following a power point presentation on the expansion, Attorney Shana Cook Mueller and Town Planner Misty Parker described

the proposed expansion of the current TIF agreement which would extend the agreement ten years and would shelter 100% of the taxes from the increased value with half going to the town for infrastructure and economic development. **Jeff Slack moved to approve the TIF documents. Vote 5-0-0. Jeff Slack moved to approve the warrant establishing an open town meeting on January 14, 2013 at the Community Center gym at 7 p.m. Vote 5-0-0. Jeff Slack moved to hold a public hearing on the TIF with Molnlycke on January 14, 2014. Vote 5-0-0.**

Pam Dunning moved to go into executive session pursuant to §405(6)(D) for discussion with the attorney. Vote 5-0-0. The board entered executive session at 8:11 p.m. Jeff Slack moved to come out of executive session at 8:20 p.m. Vote 5-0-0.

8. Unfinished Business

A. Discussion of Bath Road Master Plan: The steering committee of the Bath Road Master Plan has voted to recommend to the selectmen adoption of the master plan, which will promote economic development and improve mobility on Bath Road. **Pam Dunning moved to adopt the Bath Road Master Plan. Vote 5-0-0.** In order to implement the master plan, the comprehensive plan will need amending to reflect recommended zoning changes to be followed by ordinance amendments. **Pam Dunning moved to reactivate the Comprehensive Plan Committee and invite former members to see if they are interested, and if not, advertise for new members, and direct the Ordinance Review Committee to work on ordinance changes to comply with the Bath Road Master Plan. Vote 5-0-0.**

9. New Business

A. School Committee Election Warrant and Notice of Election: **Jeff Slack moved to sign the School Committee Election Warrant and Notice of Election. Vote 5-0-0.**

10. Town Manager's Report

Laurie Smith reported that the town is eligible to apply for funds for a walkability audit. The \$5,000 grant would allow the town to hire a consultant to determine the walkability of the community. The grant would require a \$500 match. The application is due before the next selectmen's meeting. **Pam Dunning moved to direct Misty Parker to apply for the grant and if awarded to take the \$500 from Contingency. Vote 5-0-0.**

11. Executive Session to discuss Personnel

Judy Colby moved to go into executive session pursuant to Title 1, M.R.S.A. §405(6)(A) for personnel. Vote 5-0-0. The board entered executive session at 8:35 p.m. and exited at 8:59 p.m. **Judy Colby moved to appoint Pam Dunning and Jeff Slack as the subcommittee authorized to enter into a contract with Don Gerrish as Wiscasset's Interim Manager and to execute the search for the new Town Manager. Vote 5-0-0.**

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

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December 20, 2013

Laurie A. Smith, Town Manager
Town of Wiscasset
51 Bath Road
Wiscasset, ME 04578-4108

Re: School Questions

Dear Laurie:

I am writing to provide you answers to the questions you posed yesterday:

Question #1 Once the new school committee is elected on January 7th, can they hold their own election process to borrow or appropriate funds for the "start-up" process?

Answer #1 *No, the school committee is not a legal entity, rather the Town of Wiscasset is the legal entity.*

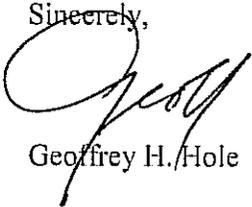
Question #2 Can we use the bond proceeds authorized in the November election for the "start-up" expenses? Is there any definition to what expenses would be allowed and what would not be allowed?

Answer #2 *Yes, the purpose of the bond proceeds was to fund "... the cost of withdrawal..." No. I am not aware of any definition of expenses, but expenses an objective person would believe related to the cost of withdrawal would be acceptable. I would be glad to consider specific items as they come up.*

Question #3 Can the Selectmen or School Committee spend money in advance of a budget appropriation that wouldn't be authorized until later in 2014 for the July 1st fiscal year?

Answer #3 *No, I believe monies can be spent from the bond issue or from a new source of funds if authorized.*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoff", written over the printed name "Geoffrey H. Hole".

Geoffrey H. Hole

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December 31, 2013

Geoff G. Gattis,
EVP Commercial Lending
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Re: Town of Wiscasset, Maine \$974,000 Bond Anticipation Note

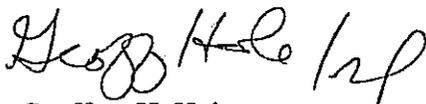
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Vicki Hersom, Manager
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Kennebunk, Maine 04043

Re: Town of Wiscasset, Maine \$974,000 Bond Anticipation Note

Dear Shaun:

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Monique McRae, Manager
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Re: Town of Wiscasset, Maine \$974,000 Bond Anticipation Note

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Commercial Loan Officer
Peoples United Bank
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Yarmouth, ME 04096-5723

Re: Town of Wiscasset, Maine \$2,000,000 Bond Anticipation Note

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David Eldridge
Commercial Loan Officer
Androscoggin Bank
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Lewiston, ME 04243

Re: Town of Wiscasset, Maine \$2,000,000 Bond Anticipation Note

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Denise Eldridge
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Bangor, ME 04402-0930

Re: Town of Wiscasset, Maine \$2,000,000 Bond Anticipation Note

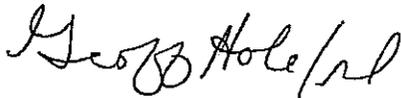
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Earl Harvey, Loan Officer
Bar Harbor Bank & Trust
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Topsham, ME 04086

Re: Town of Wiscasset, Maine \$2,000,000 Bond Anticipation Note

Dear Earl:

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Camden, ME 04843

Re: Town of Wiscasset, Maine \$2,000,000 Bond Anticipation Note

Dear Vera:

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VP & Senior Loan Officer
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Re: Town of Wiscasset, Maine \$2,000,000 Bond Anticipation Note

Dear David:

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Rebecca Winslow, Regional VP
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Re: Town of Wiscasset, Maine \$2,000,000 Bond Anticipation Note

Dear Rebecca:

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Jessica Olson, Manager
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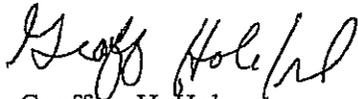
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Pamela Bowerman
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Norway, ME 04268

Re: Town of Wiscasset, Maine \$2,000,000 Bond Anticipation Note

Dear Pamela:

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Daniel Thornton, Loan Officer
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Portland, ME 04112-9540

Re: Town of Wiscasset, Maine \$2,000,000 Bond Anticipation Note

Dear Daniel:

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Vicki Hersom, Manager
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Re: Town of Wiscasset, Maine \$2,000,000 Bond Anticipation Note

Dear Vicki:

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Monique McRae, Manager
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Re: Town of Wiscasset, Maine \$2,000,000 Bond Anticipation Note

Dear Monique:

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December 27, 2013

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Wiscasset Town Manager and Board of Selectmen

The American Legion Post 54 of Wiscasset has started a project to place flags on utility poles from Memorial day to Veterans Day on Routes 1 and 27. To do this we need a 3 part agreement between CMP, Fairpoint and the Town of Wiscasset. After this has been done we will begin to try to raise funds to help pay for the purchase of the flags with donations from local business', the Chamber of Commerce, private donations, the Town of Wiscasset and of course Post 54. The flags run about \$45 each and we will only purchase flags made in the USA.

We hope to have the backing of the town and have this under way by Memorial Day 2014.

Thank you,

William J Cossette Jr

Commander, American Legion Post 54

Wiscasset, Maine

Fairpoint

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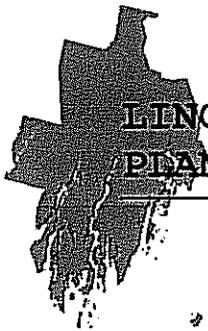
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December 20, 2013

Sue Moreau, Manager, Multimodal Planning & Operations
Bureau of Planning
Maine Department Transportation
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Maine Eastern Railroad 2014 Service and Proposal

Hi Sue -

Several weeks ago, Wiscasset Town Manager Laurie Smith and Town Planner Misty Parker met with Herb Thomson, Bruce Van Note, Gerry Audibert and Joel Kittredge to discuss, in part, proposed rail-related improvements along the riverfront. At the meeting Laurie brought up the Maine Eastern Railroad's expanded service in the mid-coast for the summer of 2014, the desire for a shuttle connection to Boothbay Harbor and the need for some financial support from the Department. Reaction from MaineDOT staff at the meeting was enthusiastic and Herb suggested I contact you directly with details of the project and a specific proposal that the Department could consider.

Below is a summary of MERR's 2014 schedule, our proposal for a shuttle connection to Boothbay Harbor and the addition of a second trolley to serve the peninsula, proposed budget and funding request. I could recount to you statistics regarding summertime traffic counts and delays in Wiscasset and Edgecomb, additional traffic problems during Rockland's Lobster and Blues Festivals, MaineDot's investment in and full upgrade to the Rockland line in the last 15 years and the like but I am sure you are well aware of the situation. As you will see below, we have good reason to be excited about MERR's plans for 2014 and we feel it may be represent a game changer for the mid-coast.

MERR's 2014 Schedule and Promotions

MERR is revising its schedule to run one two-way train a day between Brunswick and Rockland on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from July 4 to October 13 as well as some holidays. The *Mid-Coast Limited* will leave Brunswick at 12:50 PM, allowing a direct connection with the Downeaster, which arrives in Brunswick at 12:25 PM. It will return to Brunswick at 5:20 PM, again permitting a direct connection with the Downeaster, which leaves Brunswick at 5:50 PM. This train will stop in Bath and Newcastle. Stops in Wiscasset will be at 1:35 PM and 4:35 PM.

In addition, MERR will run the *Wiscasset Flyer* excursion train on Saturdays. It will leave Wiscasset at 12:00 PM, go to Newcastle and immediately return to Wiscasset at 12:45. It will then do a round trip to Bath, leaving Wiscasset at 2:30 PM and returning at 3:30 PM. Between the two trains, there will be opportunities for travelers to stop in Wiscasset, Bath or Damariscotta for a couple of hours.

Finally, the MERR is planning to run special events trains to Rockland for the seven days of the Rockland Lobster and Blues Festivals. A decade ago this represented a full seven-car train with 350 riders but it has not been run since then. MERR officials anticipate that with some planned promotions and a more convenient mid-morning arrival and late evening departure, the trains will again be fully sold-out.

The MERR and the Downeaster will be cross-promoting their service this summer with flyers, posters, internet promotions and display advertisements at North Station in Boston with the intention of increasing traffic on the Mid-Coast Limited and Wiscasset Flyer.

Based on previous years' track records, MERR is estimating that the Mid-Coast Limited will carry about 5,000 passengers this summer. This does not factor in the potential for significantly increased passenger traffic due to the schedule and promotional tie-ins with the Downeaster. Based on MERR's experience during the last year of full service to the Rockland Blues and Lobster Festivals, these special events trains could serve an additional 2,400 round trip passengers. The Wiscasset Flyer will have capacity for 150 riders but MERR does not have ridership projections for this service.

Boothbay Harbor Shuttle

Town, county and other local representatives have met twice with MERR staff including Chuck Jensen, who is Vice-President and COO of the Morrystown and Eire Railway, which operates the current service, to discuss the project as well as a key, but to this point, missing link in this plan – a shuttle connection to the Boothbay peninsula. Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor are the mid-coast's premier hotelier. There are 24 hotels and 18 B&B's with a total of 1,246 rooms, principally in Boothbay Harbor. The communities also have several preeminent visitor destinations including the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens (nearly 100,000 visitors last year), the Boothbay Railway Museum (30,000 visitors last year), the Maine State Aquarium (35,000 visitors last year) and Boothbay Harbor Country Club not to mention over 50 restaurants, galleries, shops, live performance venues, boating excursions and more.

The MERR is very enthusiastic about connecting with BBH next summer and is willing to promote the service, even to the extent of selling (with the Downeaster) Boston to Boothbay Harbor tickets. In order to make this happen, a shuttle service timed to coincide with train arrivals and departures in Wiscasset of the Mid-Coast Limited and special events trains will be necessary. In order to accommodate the announced schedules for these trains, LCRPC staff has preliminarily determined that the Mid-Coast Limited will require 49 days of shuttle service at 6 hours per day and the special events trains will require 7 days of shuttle service at 6 hours per day for a total of

336 shuttle hours. Based on conversations with two transportation companies that operate in the mid-coast and considering mobilization and de-mobilization time at the beginning and end of the day, the cost of this service would be about \$32,500.

Transportation Trolley

In addition to the shuttle service, we need to expand the current trolley service to get train riders (as well as get a portion of the thousands of other visitors out of their cars) to the most popular tourist destinations. The existing Rocktide Trolley is operated by one of the local resorts as a public service but it does not venture far outside of the harbor so a second "Transportation" trolley operating on Saturdays, Sundays and designated holidays will be necessary. LCRPC staff has preliminarily determined that this Transportation trolley would operate for 19 days from 9AM to 5PM on weekends in July and August plus the 4th of July for a total of 152 hours with an estimated cost of \$13,000.

Funding Request

The total project budget is \$45,500. We have discussed the project and projected budget internally and we feel confident that we can raise 20% of the total project cost, or \$9,100. Part of this match would come from a surcharge that MERR has agreed to include in the price for tickets purchased for travel to Boothbay Harbor. We respectfully request that the Department consider providing the balance of the budgeted amount, \$36,400, for operation next summer.

Summary

It is clear to us that the MERR is going all out to determine the viability of passenger rail service in the mid-coast. They have reduced their rates and expanded their service for next summer. If the numbers aren't there for them next summer, however, we fear that they might consider discontinuing the service at the end of its current contract with MDOT. We in Lincoln County feel this may be a once-in-a-generation opportunity to put seasonal passenger rail on a firm footing in the mid-coast and it could depend in large part on whether a seasonal transit connection between Wiscasset and the Boothbay peninsula can be firmed up in the next month or so.

I, as well as representatives of the towns involved, Lincoln County, LCRPC, MERR, the Boothbay Harbor Region Chamber of Commerce and our legislative delegation, will be happy to meet with you to further discuss this project and proposal. Senator Chris Johnson from Somerville fully supports the project and we expect to receive similar endorsements from other members of the Lincoln County delegation shortly.

Sincerely,



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MAINE EASTERN RAILROAD **PRESS RELEASE**



2014 Passenger Train Schedules, Fares, and Services

October 30, 2013

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Maine Eastern Railroad released its 2014 passenger schedule, ticket prices, and a summary of services today.

The lengthened 2014 operating season will feature the round-trip excursion service from Brunswick to Rockland that the Maine Eastern has operated for ten years. However, the 2014 season also features a new connection with Amtrak's popular *Downeaster* in Brunswick, a new station stop in Newcastle, and a completely new short scenic ride based in Wiscasset. Ticket prices have been reduced to their lowest point in the past ten years. The www.MaineEasternRailroad.com website has been completely rebuilt to reflect these service changes and to better serve passengers.

The following pages of this press release highlight the changes, services, and features of the 2014 season's operations.

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Tickets for the 2014 season will be available online or by phone starting January 1, 2014.

The Maine Eastern Railroad will also be operating a series of special excursions during the off season. The *Toys 'n' Turkeys Train*, organized by Maine Eastern employees as a charity drive, will be collecting toys, food, and other donations at stations along the line on Saturday, November 16th. The Rockland Kiwanis Club's *Jingle Bell Express* will operate out of Rockland Station on December 6th & 7th, and Tri-County Literacy's *Candy Cane Train* will operate out of Bath Station on December 13th & 14th.

Maine Eastern Railroad representative Rudy Garbely may be reached for comment or questions at rgarbely@merail.com or by phone at 973-267-4300.

MAINE EASTERN RAILROAD

2014 Passenger Season CHANGES & HIGHLIGHTS



New Connection with Amtrak Downeaster

Beginning in the 2014 season, the Maine Eastern's *Mid-Coast Limited* excursion service will make both northbound and southbound connections with the Amtrak *Downeaster* at Brunswick Station, allowing passengers from Portland, Boston, and other points south to travel to Rockland by rail via the Maine Eastern Railroad's excursion service.

Reduced Ticket Prices

The 2013 season's ticket prices will be reduced by 10-20% for the 2014 season.

New Newcastle Station Stop

New for the 2014 season is the Maine Eastern's station stop in Newcastle, serving the twin cities of Newcastle and Damariscotta. In cooperation with both towns and Country Coach Charters, shuttle bus service will be available from the station into the downtown areas of Newcastle and Damariscotta.

Relocated Wiscasset Station Stop

The Wiscasset Station, formerly located at the town's public boat launch and docks, will be relocated north of Route 1 to its historic location along Railroad Avenue. A permanent station platform will be constructed, and the Maine Eastern's vintage caboose (currently stored in Rockland) will be reconfigured as a ticket office and relocated to the Wiscasset waterfront.

Expanded Operating Season

The 2014 season will begin on July 4th and continue through October 13th, adding almost two months of additional service that were not included in the 2013 season.

New Wiscasset Flyer Service

While the Maine Eastern has been operating round-trip excursion service between Brunswick and Rockland for ten years, the 2014 season will feature an additional train operating out of Wiscasset. Called the *Wiscasset Flyer*, this train will operate short 45-minute and 1-hour round-trips to Newcastle and Bath on Saturdays to appeal to tourists who want to see the most scenic parts of the route without riding the whole distance to Rockland.

New On-Board Food Service & Gift Shop

Beginning in the 2014 season, *The Mid-Coast Limited* round-trip excursion service from Brunswick to Rockland will feature an on-board snack bar and gift shop, selling drinks, snacks, and Maine Eastern souvenirs during the trip.

MAINE EASTERN RAILROAD

2014 Passenger Season SUMMARY OF TRAIN SERVICES



The Mid-Coast Limited **(Round-Trip Excursion Service to Rockland)**

The Mid-Coast Limited will operate every Friday, Saturday, & Sunday from July 4th through October 12th. Additionally, this service will operate on Wednesday, July 30th & Thursday, July 31st for the Maine Lobster Festival and also on Monday, October 13th for both Columbus Day and the Damariscotta Pumpkinfest & Regatta.

The Mid-Coast Limited enables a connection with the Amtrak *Downeaster* in Brunswick station, allowing passengers to take a train from Boston or Portland and then board the Maine Eastern. The round-trip excursion service to Rockland will cater to passengers who would like to use the Maine Eastern for day and weekend trips.

Wiscasset Flyer **(Short Round-Trip Excursion Service)**

The *Wiscasset Flyer* short round-trip service based in Wiscasset will operate every Saturday from July 5th through October 4th except for July 12th and August 2nd (when the Special Events train will be operating instead). Additionally, this service will operate on July 4, July 6, August 31, and September 1.

The *Wiscasset Flyer* service caters to the tourist day-trip market in the Wiscasset area and Mid-Coast region by offering 45-minute and 1-hour round trips to Newcastle and Bath. The trip to Bath doubles as a connection for *The Mid-Coast Limited*, allowing passengers from Brunswick to experience both Wiscasset and Bath in the same afternoon.

Special Events

Additional round-trip service to Rockland will operate in the mornings and evenings on July 12 & 13 (North Atlantic Blues Festival) and July 30 – August 3 (Maine Lobster Festival).

MAINE EASTERN RAILROAD

2014 Passenger Season TICKET PRICES



Adults / Children ages 4-11
(Children ages 3 and under ride free)

ONE WAY

Leaving From:	Brunswick	Bath	Wiscasset	Newcastle	Rockland
To Brunswick		\$12.00 / \$8.00	\$16.00 / \$10.00	\$18.00 / \$11.00	\$24.00 / \$15.00
To Bath	\$12.00 / \$8.00		\$10.00 / \$6.00	\$15.00 / \$9.00	\$20.00 / \$12.00
To Wiscasset	\$16.00 / \$10.00	\$10.00 / \$6.00		\$10.00 / \$6.00	\$18.00 / \$11.00
To Newcastle	\$18.00 / \$11.00	\$15.00 / \$9.00	\$10.00 / \$6.00		\$17.00 / \$10.00
To Rockland	\$24.00 / \$15.00	\$20.00 / \$12.00	\$18.00 / \$11.00	\$17.00 / \$10.00	

ROUND TRIP

Leaving From:	Brunswick	Bath	Wiscasset	Newcastle	Rockland
To Brunswick		\$18.00 / \$11.00	\$22.00 / \$13.00	\$25.00 / \$15.00	\$37.00 / \$22.00
To Bath	\$18.00 / \$11.00		\$15.00 / \$9.00	\$21.00 / \$13.00	\$32.00 / \$19.00
To Wiscasset	\$22.00 / \$13.00	\$15.00 / \$9.00		\$15.00 / \$9.00	\$28.00 / \$17.00
To Newcastle	\$25.00 / \$15.00	\$21.00 / \$13.00	\$15.00 / \$9.00		\$26.00 / \$16.00
To Rockland	\$37.00 / \$22.00	\$32.00 / \$19.00	\$28.00 / \$17.00	\$26.00 / \$16.00	