



## Bucksport Bay Area *Chamber of Commerce*

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Dear BBACC Members and Friends,

As I am sure you know The Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce has been leasing the Verona Grange building at 54 Main Street in Bucksport, right next door to our old home. What you may not know is that since entering into said lease the Verona Grange has dissolved and that we have further entered into a purchase and sale agreement with the Maine State Grange to purchase the building.

The building consists of a street level, open concept room with a stage and vestibule now being used as the information center. A full walk-out basement has two restrooms, warming kitchen, and utility room. Both floors encompass 2,700 sq. ft. The rear of the building offers a good sized treed green space with views of the river, Penobscot Narrows Bridge and Fort Knox. The purchase price is \$90,000.

"The Bucksport Bay Area Chamber of Commerce is organized to promote the prosperity and quality of life in our area so the citizens and business community will thrive." We are a non-profit organization\* working for our members and the communities that they are in. Many of the events that happen in our area are the result of our organization. The most recognized is the Bucksport Bay Festival. Not everyone knows that the Chamber is also the driving force behind The Bucksport Bay Farmers' Market, River Duck Dash, Pixie Harbor Hoopla, Ghostport and Tozier's Turkey Trail. These varied events bring people from all over to our region. Our members benefit from the opportunity to partner with us to promote themselves and make the communities they service, great places to live, work and play. Our office is staffed by two part-time workers, who pride themselves on helping our Members, locals and visitors alike.

The success of our events is just as important as the services we provide to all who stop by our office. Every day, people from the area and from away reach out to us for information about our membership and our area. One of the benefits we had, when we were housed at 52 Main street, was our 24/7 information center. We have the ability to bring that important feature back along with even more benefits for our members and the community. In the near future we will be offering special event space for \$200 (Chamber members) or \$250 (non-member) per event which includes the main floor with stage and the basement with warming kitchen and dining space. We have a sound system that is available to members for free if used on site, \$25 per event if used off site.

We are asking for your support. To cover the cost of the building, closing costs and improvements (See attached Drawings), such as an enlarged information center and handicap accessible restroom on the main floor, we must raise \$110,000 by August 2019. To put this in perspective, if each of our 187 members contributes \$590, either a one-time payment or as a monthly occurrence paid in full by August, our goal will be met.

Your generous contribution will fit into one of the following levels that offer some great incentives:

- Bronze - \$1-\$499
  - Donation acknowledgement on Facebook and in our newsletter and in the Bucksport Enterprise; your name will be added to the donor board.
- Silver - \$500-\$999
  - Receive one event space voucher; one free off sight use of the sound system; one free winner-winner raffle ticket; donation acknowledgement on Facebook, in our newsletter, and in the Bucksport Enterprise; your name will be added to our donor board.
- Gold - \$1,000-\$1,999
  - Receive two event space vouchers; two free off sight uses of sound system; two free winner-winner tickets, acknowledgment on Facebook, in our newsletter and the Bucksport Enterprise; your name will be added to our donor board.
- Platinum - \$2,000 and up
  - Receive three event space vouchers; three free off sight uses of sound system; three free winner-winner tickets; acknowledgement on Facebook, in our newsletter, and in the Bucksport Enterprise; your name will be added to our donor board.

As member owned, your new Chamber home will be one that you can be proud of. For pledges and contributions please contact Leslie at 207.469.6818 or email to [leslie@bucksportbaychamber.com](mailto:leslie@bucksportbaychamber.com) or just stop in. We are open Tuesday through Friday, 9:00am to 3:00pm. Don't forget that your contribution can be made in monthly payments, to be paid in full by August, 2019.

Please give what you can and thank you in advance for your generosity.

Respectfully yours,

Charley Earley  
Committee Chair  
BBACC Building Fund Committee

Note: \*The BBACC is a 501c6 organization; therefore your donation is not eligible for a tax deduction. Check with your accountant for other possible tax relief advantages.