Vision Software Expansion

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Introduction

- Proposing a new software extension for Vision (assessing) that will cover Code Enforcement data entry.
- Current software for codes (PROCIS) is no longer meeting our needs and will require several updates in the upcoming year
- We have negotiated with Vision to get get a couple financial incentives and will have input in some of the functions as one of Maine's first “pioneer” towns

Summary

- Overview of Software
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  - Cross Department Integration
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- Comparison to Existing
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Overview

- Is an extension of current Vision software that communicates in real-time with assessing information.
- Has a web interface that can be used to apply for and track the status of a permit application as well as view related documents for a property.
- Can be linked with our Google Earth data in order to incorporate GIS and parcel data
- Unlimited number of log-ons for staff and the public, and the ability to define roles and limit access.
- Web interface works on a variety of OS which means that inspection reports can be completed in the field and viewed in the office as they are finished.

Cross Department Integration

- Code department will be able to access lots as they are created by the assessing department and owner transfers will occur in real-time.
- Building permits and associated details, including building plans and layouts, can be viewed by the assessor for site visits and inspections.
- Fire Department can also incorporate their associated permits, notices and documents as well as input inspection data.
- This software will allow for more communication across departments and give the public access to that information

Efficiencies

- NO MORE DOUBLE ENTRIES!!!
- Makes Code and Assessing information available 24/7 via web access
- “One stop” information highway by linking together Code data, Vision and GoogleEarth.
- Data is specific to our ordinances and State Codes and are linked into templates to write violation/approval letters
- Can be linked into our accounting database so that the Code Office can take payments and issue receipts.

Comparisons: Vision 6 v. PROCIS

- PROCIS does not have a web interface, does not intend to include, but this has been a goal that the Code office has been working toward.
- PROCIS is a basic query system whereas Vision allows user defined reports, but is based off of assessing data.
- Both store PB/ZBA and violation data, but Vision does it more seamlessly
- Vision has a fully staffed customer support staff that can work through issues within 4 hours, and PROCIS is reliant on a single person to resolve issues when available.

Financial Information

- Initial cost is $15,000 but was able to get it reduced to $12,500 as an existing client.
- Yearly licensing fee is $3,000 but they are going to waive for FY2013-14.
- There are currently:
  $610 funds in the FY2012-13
  $1200 funds from the FY 2013-14
  $10,690 left to be raised.

Conclusion

- Vision software will allow for:
  - Increased productivity and streamline permitting process,
  - Increased communication and input across departments,
  - Information will become more readily accessible to the public and will be easier to use,
  - Increased efficiency within Code and Assessing departments due to better data entry techniques,
  - Signing on early means that we have more input in the features that are included in the program.

Questions?

- Thank you for your time.