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George C. Gervais
COMMISSIONER

October 23, 2013

Rosemary E. Roy, Town Manager
Town of Poland
1231 Maine Street
Poland, Maine 04274

Dear Ms. Roy:

Thank you for submitting an application to become a part of the State of Maine's Certified Business-Friendly Community Program. The commitment to your business community is evident in the completion and submission of your application and for this you should be commended.

As you are aware, this program seeks to recognize those communities who exemplify customer service, provide exceptional services and streamline the regulatory processes for business owners in an effort to encourage business development and growth. The Certified Business-Friendly Community Program seeks to identify, recognize and promote those communities that show a true commitment to business development.

A total of 3 communities from all across Maine applied for certification in the fifth round of the CBFC Program. An independent review team has evaluated all applications for certification and we would like to share with you their feedback to the application submitted by the Town of Poland.

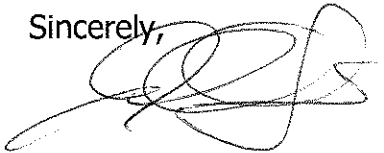
- Poland Economic Development Committee is a positive
- Utilization of TIF's to support businesses as well as long-term community growth
- Significant infrastructure improvements
- Strong collaboration with Oxford County Chamber of Commerce and the Androscoggin County Chamber of Commerce
- Letter from Poland Spring spoke to town's quick and efficient assistance
- Quick turn around on licenses and permits

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At this time, we would like to congratulate the Town of Poland for being certified as a Maine community that is truly "Open for Business". In the very near future we will be contacting you to coordinate presenting the community with its Certified Business-Friendly Community certificate and two large CBFC signs.

Congratulations on your selection as a Certified Business-Friendly Community!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Gervais", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

George C. Gervais, Commissioner

cc: Brian Whitney, DECD
Brian Doyle, DECD