

WCME Local Issues List Fourth quarter October 1-December 31 2019

--Topsham municipal issues. On December 27 at 7:35 AM, WCME aired a 40-minute pre-recorded interview with departing town manager Rich Roedner, who discussed development issues in the town, including development of the lower village. Rich Roedner also addressed demographic issues and the development of retirement communities in the town.

--Asylum seeker issues. On December 17 AT 7:35 AM, Martha Stein, a Brunswick resident and executive director of Portland-based Hope Acts, an asylum seeker support group, discusses the recent wave of asylum seekers into both the Midcoast and Portland and challenges associated with helping them acclimate to new lives in Maine and in the United States.

---Homeless issues. On December 13 at 7:35 AM, Rota Knott, the newly-named executive director of Tedford Housing, the Brunswick-based homeless services agency, appears on WCME to talk about challenges confronting the agency, including a zoning situation that makes it more difficult for Tedford Housing to realize its expansion plans.

--Marijuana issues. On December 1 at 7:35 AM, Ryan Holmes, Topsham-based medical marijuana caregiver, appears on WCME to talk about issues involved in Maine's legalization of adult-use (recreational) marijuana, with a particular focus, where Holmes has served on the town's marijuana committee.

--Education issues. On November 26 at 7:35AM, Rick Wilson, the Brunswick School Department's Community Service/ School to Career/Service Learning Coordinator, talks about his newly formulated community survey aimed at finding community members with various areas of expertise, to volunteer themselves for various programs aiding Brunswick students.

