

## **SEPTEMBER 2004**

### **2004.09.20: C. GIBBS SPEAKS AT BREWER**

Charlie Gibbs spoke at the Brewer Council about the trash truck weights. This was reported in the Penobscot Times 2004.09.23 issue.

### **2004.09.22: BDN EDIT AND SNOWE LETTER ON TRUCKS**

See also article 2004.09.17, "I-395 weight limit forces trucks into city."

[NB Our Initial reaction: discouragement at their position, lack of recognition of history of overweight trucks on I-395 as well as lack of interest in overweight trash trucks coming from out of state. However, we had predicted that the truck weight issue would be in "everyone's" interest to be used as ammunition for advancing the I-395 / I-95 weight exemption legislation. Regarding the study: exactly what is this a "pilot study" of, and how can they claim to be conducting a study when there is no baseline of legal transport to work from? All it might show is that if the trucks run at legal limits they are safer, which would make sense. Particularly galling is the blaming attitude toward those who would "want unsafe roads." The point is not that we want unsafe traffic; we want truckers to abide by the law. There has been no reporting of WtP's study of the history of overweight trucks. Where is their outrage at the fact that enormously overweight trucks have been using 395, and making out like bandits for years, and we have the facts?]

### **2004.09.23: TRUCKER MEETING IN BREWER**

This meeting, which was several meetings in both morning and afternoon, was reported in BDN 2004.09.24. "Big rigs duty-bound to stay on city streets."