

Form 990-EZ

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No 1545-1150

2015

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public. Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2015, and ending 12-31-2015

- B Check if applicable: Address change, Name change, Initial return, Final return/terminated, Amended return, Application pending

C Name of organization: Greater Freeport Chamber of Commerce. Number and street: PO Box 335. City: Freeport, ME 04032.

D Employer identification number: 30-0606930. Telephone number: (207) 847-5240. F Group Exemption Number.

G Accounting Method: Cash [checked], Accrual [checked], Other []

H Check [checked] if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

I Website: http://www.freeportmainechamber.com/about

J Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(6) [checked]

K Form of organization: Corporation [checked], Trust [], Association [], Other []

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. Total: \$83,862

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I [checked]

Table with 21 rows and 3 columns: Description, Sub-row, Amount. Rows include Revenue (1-9), Expenses (10-17), and Net Assets (18-21).

Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

Table with 5 columns: Line number, Description, (A) Beginning of year, (B) End of year, and another (B) End of year. Rows include Cash, savings, and investments; Land and buildings; Other assets; Total assets; Total liabilities; and Net assets or fund balances.

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations, optional for others)

Table with 3 columns: Description of program service, Expense amount (Grants \$), and Expense line number (28a-32). Includes a question about the primary exempt purpose and descriptions for three largest program services.

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV.

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and title, (b) Average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Reportable compensation, (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation, (e) Estimated amount of other compensation.

Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the

instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

33 Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O
34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name
35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?
35b If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
35c Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions
37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?
38b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter
39a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9
39b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911, section 4912, section 4955
40b Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I
40c Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958
40d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization
40e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ME
42a The organization's books are in care of Stephanie Petkers Telephone no (207) 847-5240 Located at 57 Depot Street Box 355 Freeport, ME ZIP +4 04032
42b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)
42c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year
44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44b Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ
44c Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?
44d If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O
45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?
45b Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)

Yes No

46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 46: No

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

Yes No

47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 47: No

48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 48: No

49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 49a: No

b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 49b: No

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name and title of each employee, (b) Average hours per week devoted to position, (c) Reportable compensation, (d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation, (e) Estimated amount of other compensation. Row 1: NONE

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None"

Table with 3 columns: (a) Name and business address of each independent contractor, (b) Type of service, (c) Compensation. Row 1: NONE

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000.

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? NOTE. All Section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A

Yes No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here: Signature of officer (Stephanie Petkers Executive Director), Date (2016-08-11)

Paid Preparer Use Only: Prnt/Type preparer's name (Warren S Bell), Preparer's signature, Date (2016-08-11), Firm's name (Countinghouse Associates PA), Firm's address (234 Hodsdon Road, Pownal, ME 040696200), Firm's EIN, Phone no (207) 688-4056

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

Yes No

Additional Data

Software ID: 15000290

Software Version: 15.3.0.0

EIN: 30-0606930

Name: Greater Freeport Chamber of Commerce

Form 990EZ, Part IV - List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
CAROLYN BEEM DIRECTOR	000 00	0		
MICHELLE BARKER PRESIDENT	000 00	0		
DEB MCLEAN DIRECTOR	000 00	0		
JIM DEGRANDPE DIRECTOR	000 00	0		
JIM FREY DIRECTOR	000 00	0		
ANGELA GARRISON DIRECTOR	000 00	0		
DEAN GILBERT DIRECTOR	000 00	0		
BRETT DAVIS DIRECTOR	000 00	0		
DALE BOUTON TREASURER	000 00	0		
CALEB STEPHENS VICE PRESIDENT	000 00	0		
ANY GILLIS DIRECTOR	000 00	0		
STEPHANIE PETKERS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	040 00	52,160		
LEE HEWS DIRECTOR	000 00	0		
THOMAS WILSON DIRECTOR	000 00	0		

TY 2015 Compensation Explanation

Name: Greater Freeport Chamber of Commerce

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Person Name	Explanation
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**SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities**

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2015

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization

Greater Freeport Chamber of Commerce

Employer identification number

30-0606930

Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a** Mail solicitations
- b** Internet and email solicitations
- c** Phone solicitations
- d** In-person solicitations
- e** Solicitation of non-government grants
- f** Solicitation of government grants
- g** Special fundraising events

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? Yes No

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total						

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

Part II Fundraising Events.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a)Event #1	(b)Event #2	(c)Other events	(d)
		Annual meeting and dinner and other small events (event type)	(event type)	(total number)	Total events (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	13,136			13,136
	2 Less Contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	13,136			13,136
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	7,634			7,634
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				7,634
	11 Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				5,502

Part III Gaming.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a)Bingo	(b)Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c)Other gaming	(d)
					Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes% <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes% <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes% <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				
	8 Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d). ▶				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities _____

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No

b If "No," explain _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain _____

11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No

12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in

a	The organization's facility		%
b	An outside facility		%

14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ▶

Address ▶

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No

b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____

c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party

Name ▶

Address ▶

16 Gaming manager information

Name ▶

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$

Description of services provided ▶

Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? Yes No

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

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Name of the organization
Greater Freeport Chamber of Commerce

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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8, Other Revenue	Advertising revenue for ads in Insiders Guide publication 24,600
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8, Other Revenue	Miscellaneous 26
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Travel 40
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Telephone 297
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Insurance 1,971
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Bank and credit card fees 1,322
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Advertising 666
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Office supplies and expenses 1,155
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Postage 121
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Miscellaneous 514
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Brochures 32
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Customer development 423
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Web design and hosting 799
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	General and administrative expenses 1,795
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Training 535
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Dues, memberships and subscriptions 105
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16, Other Expenses	Computer software 405
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24, Other Assets	Accounts Receivable Beginning of year 16,923, End of year 17,670
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26, Liabilities	Deferred Revenue Beginning of year 40,005, End of year 48,663