

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

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The Town of Fort Fairfield Code Enforcement Office continues to be very active this past year. The office has issued over 130 licenses and permits as well as the inspection of projects in progress. The office is responsible to insure that all federal, state and local land use and development codes and regulations are adhered to.

The Town of Fort Fairfield has demonstrated a commitment to continuing the reduction of flood insurance premiums in Fort Fairfield by updating the Community Rating System Annually with National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The National Weather Service still recognizes the Town's efforts on Emergency Preparedness by designating Fort Fairfield as a Storm Ready Community.

Noted Acronyms: Community General Hospital (CGH), Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Geographic Information System (GIS), International Organization of Standardization (ISO), Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA), Northern Maine Development Commission (NMDC) and University of Maine at Presque Isle (UMPI).

The following is a summary of activities handled by the Code Enforcement Office in the 2014-2015 fiscal year:

Building Permits:

| <u>New Construction</u> | <u>Permits</u> | <u>Est. Value</u> |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| Single Family | 2 | 175,000 |
| Camps | 1 | 30,000 |
| Multi-Family | 0 | 0 |
| Garages/Sheds | 12 | 96,200 |
| Commercial/Municipal | 1 | 0 |
| <u>Alteration/Repairs</u> | | |
| Single Family | 9 | 153,200 |
| Multi-Family | 0 | 0 |
| Commercial | 0 | 0 |
| <u>Mobile Homes</u> | | |
| Mobile Homes (new to locality) | 1 | 10,000 |
| <u>Demolitions</u> | | |
| Demolition/Moving | <u>7</u> | <u><-301,900></u> |
| Totals: | 32 | 162,500 |

The following is a summary of the Plumbing Permits issued for the 2014-2015 fiscal year:

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| Plumbing Permits | 8 |
| Sub-Surface Waste Disposal System | <u>4</u> |
| Total: | 12 |

The following is a summary of the Licenses issued for the 2014-2015 fiscal year:

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| Victualer | (33) | Hawker & Peddler | (38) |
| Contractor | (4) | Special Amusement | (1) |
| Junkyard | (1) | Recycler | (0) |
| Dance | (1) | Refuse Hauler | (6) |
| Mobile Home Park | (1) | Sign Permit | (1) |
| Total: | 86 Licenses | | |

The following is a summary of other activities handled by the Code Enforcement Office in the 2014-2015 fiscal year:

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| Dangerous Building Hearing | National Flood Ins. Determinations |
| GIS Mapping Meetings | Public Hearings |
| Planning Board Meetings | Floodplain Management |
| E 911 Updates | Certificates of Occupancy |
| CEO Workshops | Septic System Code Training |
| Zoning Permits | Zoning Inquiries |
| Complaints/Responses | Compliance Letters |
| Forest Harvest Notifications | Site Design Approvals |
| Shoreland Zoning Coordination | DEP Permits |
| Safety Inspections | MEMA Libby Dam Inspections |

The Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) was also involved in the following projects:

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| Aroostook CEO's | Freedom of Access Training | UMPI GIS Project |
| Storm Ready Project | Spring Clean-up | ISO Repetitive Loss Report |
| Community Rating System | Wind Turbine Moratorium | NMDC Brownfield Project |
| Annual Flood Watch | Census Bureau Survey | CGH Demolition Project |

The Code Enforcement Office is available for applications for licenses and permits at the Town of Fort Fairfield Office. The office hours are from 8:00 to 4:30 daily and the phone number is 472-3805.

The cooperation of the Town Council, the Former and New Town Managers, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Office Staff has made the performance of my duties manageable this past year and I wish to thank them for their assistance.

Respectfully submitted,



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