

**Fort Fairfield Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Council Chambers**  
**Wednesday, December 19, 2012**  
**6:00 P.M.**

Councilors: David McCrea, Kim Murchison, Mark Babin, Terry Greenier and John Herold

Staff: Mike Bosse, Bill Campbell

Citizens: 2 including media

I. Roll Call – Chair Kim Murchison asked that the record reflect that all councilors are present with the exception of Terry Greenier and Mark Babin.

II. Prayer - Councilor Kim Murchison offered the prayer

III. Pledge to the Flag - All in attendance pledged their allegiance to the Flag.

IV. Public Comment Period – Dan – this has been a tough week with losing citizens of Fort Fairfield. We have lost Pat Welch, Gary Thibeau, Louise Findlen, Barb Boulter and Herb Blaisdell who has spent 23 dedicated years for the fire Department. We sent flowers in recognition of the time that he devoted to this community from the council and community. Also, Mark Babin is not here tonight because his oldest brother past away, Bryant. So we have lost a number of our citizens this week.

V. Correspondence and Reports:

A. Licenses/Permits – None

B. Financial Report – Dan –Financials continue to be uneventful. Income including revenue sharing remains on budget with excise tax a little ahead of budget. The expense continues to stay within the parameters of the budget. The only issue this month that is out of line is the heating fuel account for the highway building, because the coal furnace is not on line yet, they have had to burn fuel oil. Code Enforcement fees are up significantly, we have almost reached our budget in the first three or four months. The biggest part of that is because of the construction of the new senior citizen apartments and clinic.

C. Tri-Community Landfill Report – Next meeting scheduled in January

D. Police Department Report – Bill – In light of the Connecticut shooting, Bill has contacted the schools and has asked that they include him in any meeting that they have regarding security measures. On November 28, Bill had a bath salt presentation at the High School, with 270 students attending. They were responsive and very attentive. With one also that evening for the community, about 50 citizens came to this. The Police Dept. just finished Green Shield, stone garden operations with Home land Security. With details in November and December, a total of 12, 5 hour shifts. There will be another program

starting sometime in January. The Police Dept. will be involved with a year long OUI program. It is called Drive Sober Maine, it's for OUI's, drugs and alcohol, and this will run through September 30, 2013. The only requirement for us is to hold 2 or 3 OUI road blocks during some different holidays. We have had one arrest already in this program. We will receive \$12,372.00 to cover the overtime cost.

Comments:

Kim Murchison – it's excellent that you contacted the schools, with the whole bath salt discussions that Aroostook County is one of the highest drug county's in Maine. So I don't think we are exempt from anything when it comes to violations or crime.

Chief Campbell – You are correct we are not exempt. I will say about Aroostook County with my years of experience with the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, it is more prone use cocaine, methamphetamines and Bath salts.

- E. Update on Coal Furnace Installation – It is installed, there were some issues with the electronics when we got it from the factory. But it is up and running. Want to publicly thank Jeff Murchison who stepped up and helped. This was not his contract. We were having a hard time getting the contractor here and Jeff worked with him and Jeff was the one who stuck around to make sure everything was working ok and to trouble shoot any issues. Jeff was a huge help through this whole thing.
- F. Update on Senior Citizens Housing – Going well, we are financially doing well, we do not have a lot of change orders. Our contingency is \$141,000 with what we know and the contractors may be anticipating \$20,000.00 in change orders. Will have the roof on by the end of January.
- G. Update Clinic Project – The construction of the clinic remains ahead of schedule. They are working inside putting up sheet rock on the ceiling and partitions. Mike and Dan met with Jim Davis and they are working on the dedication and open house and scheduling when Pines will be accepting patients. Cash flow is fine.
- H. Update on New Fire Department Ladder Truck – Paul Durepo will be picking up the Ladder Truck tomorrow from NMCC. They have done a great job
- I. Council Organizational Meeting – this is scheduled for January 2, 2013. We will swear in the new councilors, elect a chairperson and establish committees for the new year
- J. Update on LED Street Lights Failure – George and Dan were supposed to

meet with a gentleman from Sylvania today. Due to the weather he did not make it. They did send some lights up for the school because Jim has had a lot of issue's with their night activity. They have another light that they have recommend for us to use, however it is not something we are interested in using. We are going to be meeting with them eventually to see how this is going to be handled.

- J. Update on Community Center Remodeling – Mike – we are stepping up our efforts, the ceiling is done, the gym is almost completely painted. We have received 48 new sound baffles that will be installed on the ceiling. Public Works is starting on the demolition of the kitchen. The flooring will be replaced. Will be replacing the counters with stainless steel work tables.
  - L. Update on TAMC Meetings – Sylvia Getman's met with Dan here at the Town Office on the 11<sup>th</sup>. She was very gracious and seems very sincere about TAMC having a positive role in our community. Our intent is to establish a date sometime in January to tour the facility and to start a dialogue regarding its possible uses.
- VI. Old Business – NONE
- VII. New Business
- A. Request to Purchase a Used Sander – George is requesting to purchase a used sander body from Dasco, Inc. for \$2,000.00. These bodies normally go for \$10,000.00  
Motion: David McCrea moved to approve the request to purchase a Used Sander for the amount of \$2,000.00, monies to be used out of George's reserve account.  
Second: John Herold Vote – All affirmative
- VIII. Minutes: November 28, 2012  
Motion: John Herold moved to approve Minutes of November 28, 2012 as written.  
Second: David McCrea Vote – All affirmative
- IX. Warrants: #11 - \$282,359.18; #12 - \$205,233.43  
Motion: David McCrea moved to accept warrants #11 and #12 as presented.  
Second: John Herold Vote – All affirmative
- X. Other – We have two councilors going off our council. Terry Greenier, who has served 2 years, he brought a unique business perspective to the council. Also, Kim Murchison who has also been here for 3 years. She accepted a plaque from the community and council for the great work that she did. She did an outstanding job as the chairperson. Very impressed on how she handled the meeting with the school board. She was very thoughtful and quiet, but

when she had something to say she made a lot of sense. Sorry to see you go.

Both David McCrea and John Herold seconded these sentiments.

XI. Adjournment at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca J. Hersey  
Council Secretary