

Fort Fairfield Town Council Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers
Wednesday, April 17, 2013
6:00 P.M.

Councilors: David McCrea, Jason Barnes, Mark Babin, Susan LeVasseur and John Herold

Staff: Mike Bosse, Paul Durepo, Bill Campbell, Tony Levesque

Citizens: 3 including media

- I. Roll Call - Chair David McCrea asked that the record reflect all councilors present.
- II. Prayer – Councilor Mark Babin offered the prayer
- III. Pledge to the Flag - All in attendance pledged their allegiance to the Flag.
- IV. Public Comment Period – None
- V. Correspondence and Reports
 - A. Licenses/Permits- One Liquor License for Boondocks Grille.
 - B. Financial Report – Dan – Our expenses remain on track with some accounts over budget, but nothing new from the previous months. Our revenue budget is a little behind on Interest Income, but our excise tax and revenue sharing is on tract to meet our budget expectations. Our cash flow remains adequate, we continue to lag behind last year by \$100,000.00 and we have \$400,000.00 in the clinic at the moment. We will be receiving \$212,000.00 from Pines sometime in May but will be spending an additional \$135,000.00 to complete the project.
 - C. Tri-Community Landfill Report – Next meeting is Friday, April 19th
 - D. Police Department Report – Bill – Just finished the Stone Garden, we should be reimbursed within 2 – 3 weeks. We had some issues with the computer in one of the cars, but it was under warranty and that has been fixed. We have been approved through the State for the “Click it or Ticket” program and this should start in May for six weeks and as an incentive we will be getting a new radar. April 27th, from 10 am to 2 pm we will be having a National Drug take back gathering.
 - E. Chamber/Quality of Place Council Report – Mike – The Agri Business Trade Fair had a good crowd and all the spaces were sold. We are currently working on the beauty pageant which will be Sunday, April 28th at 3pm. The QOP council is charged with implementing the investment strategy. They are a very enthusiastic and active group. The leadership in that organization is very active. They are currently working on three projects.

- 1) Main Street Committee, which is invested in enhancing retail business in all of Fort Fairfield not just Main Street.
 - 2) Homebuyer program, partnering with Frontier Development – Goal is to enhance single family homes in Fort Fairfield. Started out with the goal to build a new home, but that fell through. So it was decided to rehab an existing home in Fort Fairfield. At this time they are in the process of acquiring a home on Brunswick Ave and hope to have it back on the market by mid summer.
 - 3) Phil Christensen has strongly suggested that we piggy back off of the Governor’s editorial in the Wall Street Journal. We need to make our community available for the possibility of a firearms accessories manufacturer to come to our community.
- F. Update on Budget Process – This continues to be extremely uncertain due to the situation with the State. At this point there has been nothing of any substance from the Legislature that would indicate they have a plan that varies in any substantive way from the Governor’s proposal.
- G. Update MUBEC Building Codes – Tony has obtained the seven certifications required to properly administer MUBEC regulations which would allow residents to not have to incur the cost of a third party inspector. Which could easily add \$1,000.00 or more to the process of building or renovating a home.
- H. Update on Senior Citizen Housing – August 31st is the scheduled completion date, however we are 3 to 4 weeks behind. Because of weather they got a late start. We have not used any contingency funds yet.
- I. Update on Clinic Project – The building is completed. We continue on track to have the clinic open by June 1st with the open house and dedication on June 21st at 11 AM
- J. Update on Village Restaurant – Have spoken to Willis Adams. Someone will be coming in to detect if there is asbestos. Our goal is to tear down the building and have it cleaned up before the festival.
- K. Update on ReEnergy BioMass – Andrea Nadeau from Bernstein Shur in Augusta requested that we send a letter of support to the Maine Public Utilities Commission on behalf of ReEnergy Fort Fairfield, LLC. An application has been submitted to certify ReEnergy in Fort Fairfield as a Class I New Renewable Energy Resource.
- L. Libby Dams Assessment – Maine Emergency Management Agency did an inspection on the two Libby Brook Dams which were built back in the sixties. The purpose for their construction was to protect a section of our

residential neighborhood and the downtown from flooding during the spring thaw. Their recommendations to alleviate substandard conditions are extremely expensive and are not required. These dams could easily be eliminated without undue harm to anyone in this community.

VI. Old Business –

- A. Approve Ordinance #13-02 to Enter into a Land Lease Agreement with North Star Tower and Communications to install a tower on property owned by the Town of Fort Fairfield located off the Center Limestone Road.

Motion: Sue LeVasseur moved to Approve Ordinance #13-02 to Enter into a Land Lease Agreement

Second: John Herold

Vote – All affirmative

- B. Approve Ordinance #13-03 to transfer municipally owned land to Fish & Game Club located off the Reed Road, part of Map 3 Lot 23 and Map 22 Lot 16

Motion: Jason Barnes moved to Approve Ordinance #13-03 to transfer property to Fish & Game Club

Second: John Herold

Vote – All affirmative

VII. New Business –

- A. Approve Letter of Support for Expanded DSL & Phone Service. Don Flewelling from Pioneer Broadband who is submitting a grant proposal to Connect ME Authority for the purpose of extending High speed DLS Internet and phone service to three locations within Fort Fairfield. Which are the North Caribou Road, Center Limestone Road and the Limestone Road. The service will increase speeds that are now required for video streaming and currently available only to those who have access to Roadrunner.

Motion: Mark Babin moved to approve the Letter of Support for Expanded DSL & Phone Service

Second: Sue LeVasseur

Vote – All affirmative

- B. Approve Purchasing a New Police Cruiser New police cruisers are normally purchased every two years, one was not purchased last year. Bill feels we need to replace one of the cars and has requested that we purchase a 2013 Ford Interceptor AWD sedan for \$24,700.00. In order to purchase this car and prepare it for the road we ill need approximately \$26,000.00. This would come from the Police Reserve account.

Motion: Jason Barnes moved to approve purchasing a new police cruiser and preparing it for the road in the amount of \$26,000.00 to come from the

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Police Reserve Account.
Second: Sue LeVasseur

Vote – All affirmative

VIII. Minutes: March 20, 2013 and April 3, 2013

Motion: Sue LeVasseur moved to approve Minutes of March 20, 2013 and April 3, 2013 as written.

Second: Jason Barnes

Vote – All affirmative

IX Warrants: #20 - \$210,808.66; #21- \$332,140.67

Motion: Sue LeVasseur moved to accept warrant #20 & #21 as presented.

Second: John Herold

Vote – All affirmative

X. Other – None

XI Executive Session - Moved into Executive Session at 7:05 PM

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No Action Taken

Came out of executive session at 7:45 PM

XII. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Council Secretary
Rebecca J. Hersey