

Fort Fairfield Town Council Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers
Wednesday, October 15, 2014
6:00 P.M.

Councilors: David McCrea, Jason Barnes, Robert Kilcollins, Susan LeVasseur and John Herold
Staff: Tim Goff, Tony Levesque, George Watson, Ella Leighton and William Schrader
Citizens: 8 including media

- I. Roll Call - Chair David McCrea asked that the record reflect all councilors are present.
- II. Prayer – Tony Levesque offered the prayer
- III. Pledge to the Flag - All in attendance pledged their allegiance to the Flag.

- III. Public Comment Period – NONE

- V. Correspondence and Reports
 - A. Licenses/Permits- Two liquor license, one for Knights of Columbus and the other for Canterbury Royale
 - B. Financial Report – Mike – First quarter complete with actual expenditures consistent with the budget. Our cash flow has improved compared to last year at this time. The difference is approximately \$200,000 due in large part to the check we received last month for being the developer of the new senior housing project. We will be accessing our Tax Anticipation Note by the end of the month to cover the County taxes. Expenses are pretty much on track for the first quarter.
 - C. Tri-Community Landfill Report – Stev Rogeski – The last meeting was September 19th. Mark Draper, Director for Tri-Community has met with the Maine Resource Committee and through this committee he took a trip to Quebec. He went to see two proto-types of projects that are running in British Columbia and they are still in the beginning and trail stages. He tries to constantly stay on top of the most modern ways of handling municipal waste. We also received \$83,000 from the MDEP reimbursement program that was set up a couple of years ago. We were really conservative in our budget with this income line. It was anticipated that we would get approximately \$130,000 total for the year, but when we did the budget we only carried a total of \$79,000.00.
 - D. Department Report: Highway – George parked his new truck in the lot so that everyone would be able to see it, it is a great addition to our fleet. Total cost to get it on the road is under \$20,000.00. We should get 8-10 years of good service out of it. Another piece of equipment that was purchased at the State auction, two 5 yard stainless steel hoppers for \$1,000.00 each. We have invested another \$2,000.00 and made one 10 yard hopper, total approximately \$5,500.00 in this piece of equipment. A brand new one runs around \$18,000 and a steel one runs \$8,000 new and last about 8 years. Repairs this summer have been a little excessive. We have a 1994 CAT Loader that had its electrical connection short out and to repair this it cost \$5,000.00. Our equipment is aging and things are costly, just for a diesel tank it cost

\$1,500.00. Labor – about a month ago we had a gentlemen resign, we advertised this position and have decided not to higher at this time. We decided to use a retired person, for a part-time position. Materials – because the councilors a couple of years ago elected not to pay the annual dues to NMDC, it was through them that we purchased our rock salt. With dues no longer being paid we no longer have a contract so we have not been able to purchase rock salt from the same company. George is working with the State of Maine DOT and may be able to purchase through their contract, still waiting to hear back from them. Last year we went through 180 tons of salt at \$67.00 per ton. One company in Canada could sell to us at \$90 - \$100 per ton.

- E. Doughty’s Redemption Center – Mike – On September 22nd, five days after the public hearing to declare it a dangerous building, it began to fall in. Tony, George, Bill and Mike Jalbert were on the site accessing the situation. The State of Maine Statutes were reviewed and it was determined that we would proceed to make the area safer. At 12:30 McGillans began to bring in their equipment, at 1:27 the demolition began and by 3:03 the roof came down. Once the dust cleared we saw that Gary Sirois’s building was safe. George and his crew did a great job cleaning up the area. It is an eye sore that is gone and a safety hazard that is gone.
- F. Update on Wind Energy Technical Review Committee – The 12 people selected are known to be fair-minded individuals, know to share views in a respectful way and have a high level of integrity. They are Dick Langley, Carl young, Jim Everett, Brent Churchill, Todd Maynard, Barbara Hayslett, Heather Cassidy, John Herold, Tony Levesque, David McCrea, Michael Bosse and Phil Christensen.

VI. Old Business –

- A. Consider Hiring of Marketing & Economic Development Director – Mike – nominated Timothy Goff to fill the position of Marketing & Economic Director for the Town of Fort Fairfield.

Motion: John Herold moved to approve the hiring of Timothy Goff for the position of Marketing & Economic Director for the Town of Fort Fairfield.
 Second: Jason Barnes Vote – All affirmative

- B. Consider of Ordinance 14-03 Wind Energy Facility Moratorium

Motion: Susan LeVasseur moved to approve Ordinance 14-03 Wind Energy Facility Moratorium
 Second: Robert Kilcollins Vote – All affirmative

VII. New Business –

- A. Approve General Assistance Ordinances Appendices B & C relating to Food and Housing Maximums

Motion: Jason Barnes moved to approve the General Assistance Ordinance Appendices as it relates to the maximum amount allowed for food and housing.
 Second John Herold Vote – All affirmative

- B. Ratify nomination of Todd Maynard to FF Utilities Board of Trustees to fill the remainder of Fred McGillan Jr's term which will expire June 30, 2015

Motion: Susan LeVasseur moved to approve Todd Maynard to fill the remainder of Fred McGillan Jr's term as Trustee, this term will expire June 30, 2015

Second: Jason Barnes

Vote – All affirmative

VIII. General Election

- A. Council Designation of opening and closing of polls
Rec. Open 8:00 AM and Close 8:00 PM
- B. Council Designation of central counting location
Rec. Town of Fort Fairfield Community Center
- C. Council Designation of voting polls location
Rec. Fort Fairfield Community Center
- D. Council Ratification of election warden
Rec. Becky Hersey, Warden
- E. Council Ratification of election warrants
- F. Council Ratification of election clerks and counters

Motion: Susan LeVasseur moved to approve A – F as presented.

Second: John Herold

Vote – All affirmative

VIII. Minutes: Council Meeting September 17, 2014

Motion: Susan LeVasseur moved to approve Minutes of September 17, 2014 as written.

Second: Jason Barnes

Vote – All affirmative

IX. Warrants: #6 - \$91,502.77 and #7 - \$300,335.77

Motion: Jason Barnes moved to accept warrants #6 & #7 as presented.

Second: John Herold

Vote – All affirmative

- X. Other – Introduced William Schrader as the new full time police officer, who will begin with the department on October 17th. He is a 27 year veteran who is originally from New York and was last in a department in Florida. We want to welcome him.

XI. Executive Session – 6:35 PM

Motion: John Herold moved to go into Executive Session to discuss

1 MRSA 405 (6) (C) – Economic Development

Second: Susan LeVasseur

Vote – All affirmative

Came out of executive session at 7:20 PM

No Action Taken

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XII. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Council Secretary
Rebecca J. Hersey