



# Town of Fort Fairfield



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Dear Citizens of Fort Fairfield, I don't think that any of us could have predicted the many challenges we have faced this past year and continue to face sometimes daily, but we all know that the Town of Fort Fairfield comes together to support each other during tough times and indeed, we have.

This past year has been shaped by leading through major global, national, state and local public health and economic emergencies and through it all we have continued to support our community and implement Council's policy priorities to the very best of our abilities.

We were able to maintain services to our citizens, maintain our staffing without any furloughs or termination of jobs. There were many discussions with Department Heads and Council on how we could hold back spending of the approved budgets to get through 2020. Our fiscal management is strong.

I am deeply proud that our Town has been able to maintain its core services while providing needed COVID-19 community/emergency response efforts through our Fire Rescue Department, Police Department, Public Works Department, Recreation Department, Library, and the Main Office.

Understandably, priorities have shifted over the past months, but we continue to innovate and leverage current resources to best meet community needs.

The Town's budget surplus of \$67,749 was utilized to offset decreased revenues from the State to help balance the budget for fiscal year 2020/2021 and rebuild our capital improvement accounts. This enables us to continue to provide the services the citizens require and properly maintain our vehicles, equipment and properties.

The Town of Fort Fairfield is a Town Council-Town Manager form of government. The Town Manager is the chief administrative officer for the Town, responsible to the Town Council for the management of all Town affairs as provided for in the Town Charter. The Town Manager, working with the individual Town Department Directors, is also responsible for the performance of all Town departments.

It has been my pleasure to work for the Town Council, Town Staff and the Citizens of Fort Fairfield. The dedication and hard work have been evident throughout my time here. I have seen and experienced an undeniable passion for the ensuing possibilities for Fort Fairfield and a continued investment in this community's development.

I have enjoyed the conversations and opportunities to meet with the Citizens of Fort Fairfield and I would encourage all of you to stop by the Town Office with your questions, comments and concerns so we may all work together to strengthen and build this community in its future growth and development.

Yours truly, Andrea L. Powers, MPA, Town Manager