

THE TOWN OF FORT FAIRFIELD
Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Budget
Public Hearing Minutes
Wednesday, May 3, 2023
6:00 pm
Town of Fort Fairfield VFW

Council: Robert Kilcollins, Kevin Pelletier, James Ouellette, Keith E. Thibeu II, Pat Canavan
Staff: Dan Foster, Neadra Dubois, Darren Hanson, Steve Turner, Chief Cummings, Chief
Jalbert, Doug Sharpe
Citizens: 32 citizens present
Media: Fort Fairfield Journal, Star Herald

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PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fort Fairfield VFW, located at 130 Presque Isle Street, Fort Fairfield, Maine. The purpose of this hearing is to allow for public comments on the following:

The Town of Fort Fairfield FY 2023-2024 Budget 1st Hearing

The budget may be reviewed at the Town Office during regular business hours. Comments and/or questions should be directed to Dan Foster, Interim Town Manager, 18 Community Center Drive, Fort Fairfield, Maine, 04742, or by phone at (207) 472-3800. Comments will be received until the Town Council Meeting, May 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Thibeu started the Public Hearing by stating that Mr. Foster would give a brief presentation of the budget and the budget process and tells the attending citizens that they will have an opportunity to ask Mr. Foster and the Department Heads any questions they may have regarding the budget and to share any concerns they might have. Chairman Thibeu also states that the Council is there to listen and take any concerns under consideration prior to approving the budget at the June Council Meeting. He asks that those that would like to address the Council to use the microphone at the podium and keep remarks no longer than 15 minutes.

Mr. Foster gives his presentation on the budget and talks about the Town's financial plans for the next Fiscal Year. Mr. Foster states that it is not a typical year and certainly not a typical budget. Mr. Foster talks about the services that Fort Fairfield is providing and the costs associated with those services. Mr. Foster then goes on to talk about the Mil Rate and compares it with surrounding communities. Mr. Foster also talks about each department and the financial plans for this budget year. Mr. Foster opened the floor up to the public for comments at 6:27 p.m.

David Dorsey spoke neither for or in opposition of the FY 23/24 budget.

Kevin Bouchard spoke in opposition of the FY 23/24 budget.

Tammy Deschesne spoke in favor of the FY 23/24 budget.

Daniel Hapgood spoke in favor of the FY 23/24 budget.

Elizabeth Reed Brook spoke in favor of the FY 23/24 budget.

Mike Cyr spoke in favor of the FY 23/24 budget.

Stev Rogeski spoke in favor of the FY 23/24 budget.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:06 p.m.