

**Fort Fairfield Town Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Council Chambers**  
**Wednesday, February 18, 2015**  
**6:00 P.M.**

Councilors: David McCrea, Jason Barnes, Susan LeVasseur, John Herold and Robert Kilcollins

Staff: Tony Levesque, Ella Leighton, Jeff Leighton and Jennifer Gaenzle

Citizens: 8 including media

- I. Roll Call - Chair Jason Barnes asked that the record reflect all councilors present with the exception of David McCrea.
- II. Prayer Tony Levesque offered the prayer
- III. Pledge to the Flag - All in attendance pledged their allegiance to the Flag.
- IV. Public Comment- NONE
- V. Correspondence and Reports
  - A. Licenses / Permits- None
  - B. Financial Report Expense wise we are in line with what we expect for the year. Payroll in most of the departments is at or below where they should be. We have switched back to heating our buildings with coal. The benefit from heating with fuel was short lived. We have found that the coal system finds it difficult to keep up when temperature remain subzero over an extended time. We monitor daily to utilize the best system under ever changing circumstances. On revenue side we are fairing okay with revenue sharing and excise tax. We have paid off the TAN and have deposited \$300,000 in an accessible savings account. We are anticipating the final payment from the Housing Project  
  
have been assured the funds will be transferred shortly. We are anticipating the final payment to be just shy of \$85,000.00 leaving a balance of approximately \$25,000 in the clinic project account. Also Mike attached a bulletin put out by Geoff Herman, from MMA that describes what the Governor is proposing for changes in the tax code and a history of revenue sharing. Mike also included the budget workshop schedule.
  - C. Tri-community Landfill Report Stev There has been no meeting since the last council meeting. But would like you to know that the ash from the energy plant is now being moved to the land fill.
  - D. Update- Wind Energy Technical Review Committee Dick Langley There are a couple of critical parts of the ordinance that we are fast approaching. One being the permissible decibel levels and the other is the general setback requirements. We met with Professor Karen Horton of the University of

Maine. She gave us a pretty good education on sound, types of sound, tones. She also showed us what the different decibel levels sound like. We are going to take a tentative vote Monday night to see if we are approaching some sort of consensus on the decibel number, the setback issue will be at a later date.

E. Department Report Library Jennifer - We are seeing new faces coming in

attribute some of that to creating a Facebook account for the library. I have been sharing the resources that we do have available on this Facebook account. We have had authors coming in for book signings and we are planning to have others in the future. The heat pumps are in and working great. In January we had a circulation of 872 books which is twice as much for both November and December,

that arise and for now things are going pretty smooth. The Fire Chief search committee is comprised of John Herold, Tony Levesque, Bill Campbell, Scott

helpful from a technical point of view. We received 24 resumes for the position most of which are from out of state. We agreed on 6 candidates to interview. One of the candidates Daniel Reynolds of Taylor Michigan will be flying in on Tuesday and going back on Wednesday. So he will be spending a day and half with us. He is a 25 year veteran, he is Fire Fighter I, II and he is a Paramedic for the State of Michigan. John mentioned that he was very positive with the interview, he seems like he is looking for a place like this, a smaller area. Listening to him he seemed like a very genuine individual.

- H. Update Maine Department of Labor Citations We were inspected last May by the Department of Labor and received a few violations and all of these violations have been abated. Since the violations that we were fined for were corrected in a timely fashion and without issue, the fine of \$3,500 was reduced to a \$250 administrative fee. This is great news for the community and the
- I. Update Gym Lighting Project - The gym light project is complete, the lights were install by Public Works and Stev Rogeski hooked them up to electricity. You will notice a marked improvement in the brightness of the room. The feedback we are receiving has been very positive so far.
- J. ACAP Mobile Home Replacement FYI A new program administered by ACAP. This program is to help eliminate older mobile homes, in particular, mobile homes manufactured prior to 1976. Tony has found approximately 27 potential candidates and we sent the attached letter and guidelines to that list. There will only be two for Northern Maine.
- K. Crown Ambulance Annual Report Mike attended annual meeting for the communities served by Crown s. Crown put together an annual report, which is attached with these minutes. Just a significance to note is the response time and call volume. For Fort Fairfield we had 601 calls in 2014 with the average response time of 5 minutes and 6 seconds.

VI. Old Business - NONE

VII. New Business

- A. Consider Approval of Resident Nominee for Housing Authority Sandra Thornton who will be replacing Andrea Pelletier.

Motion: Susan LeVasseur moved to approve Sandra Thornton for the Resident Commissioner of the Housing Authority of Fort Fairfield.

Second: Robert Kilcollins

Vote All affirmative

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B. Consider Approval of Nominee to the Planning Board