

Fort Fairfield Town Council Meeting Minutes
Council Chambers
Wednesday, January 20, 2016
6:00 P.M.

Councilors: David McCrea, Jason Barnes, Scott Smith, John Herold and Robert Kilcollins
Staff: Bill Campbell, Darren Hanson, Tony Levesque, Tim Goff, Ella Leighton, Jeff Leighton, Darryl Doughty, Matt McPherson, Mitch Dufour and Cody Fenderson
Citizens: 15 including media

- I. Roll Call - Chair Jason Barnes asked that the record reflect all councilors present.
- II. Prayer Tony Levesque offered the prayer
- III. Pledge to the Flag - All in attendance pledged their allegiance to the Flag.
- IV. Election of Chairperson - Current Chairperson: Jason Barnes

Mr. John Herold moved to appoint Mr. David McCrea as Chairperson.

Vote All Affirmative

- V. Public Comment Period - None

- VI. Appointments

- A. Tri Community Landfill: Currently Stev Rogeski - Mr. Rogeski has been a TCL Board member for 10 years and he is extremely knowledgeable about the operations. It is recommended that the Council re-appoint Mr. Rogeski as a director and Mr. James Risner as an alternate director to the Tri-Community Landfill and Recycling Center Board of Directors

Motion: Mr. John Herold moved to re-appoint Stev Rogeski to the Tri Community Landfill Board with Mr. Risner as an alternate director.

Second: Mr. Jason Barnes

Vote All Affirmative

- B. Finance Committee: Currently Robert Kilcollins, John Herold and David McCrea with Susan LeVasseur and Jason Barnes as Alternates

Motion: Mr. John Herold nominated Mr. Scott Smith, Mr. Robert Kilcollins, and Mr. John Herold to the Finance Committee with Mr. David McCrea and Mr. Jason Barnes as Alternates.

Second: Mr. Jason Barnes

Vote All Affirmative

- C. Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors: Currently Jason Barnes with Susan LeVasseur as the Alternate.

Motion: Mr. Robert Kilcollins moved to re-elect Jason Barnes as a member of the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, with Mr. Scott Smith as an Alternate

Second: Mr. Jason Barnes

Vote All Affirmative

VII. Scheduling of regular Council Meetings: Currently Third Wednesday of Month.

Motion: Mr. Jason Barnes moved to keep with prior practice and keep the current schedule of the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM.

Second: Mr. Robert Kilcollins

Vote All Affirmative

VIII. Correspondence and Reports

A. Public Safety Awards Chief Campbell Police and Fire employees saved an

Campbell presented

inspection he made a couple of repairs to it and mentioned that we really need to be looking at replacing the whole bottom half of the scales in the next two or three years. The cost for this will be roughly \$50,000.00. The month of December, we had over a million gallons of leachate to deal with, putting in the pipeline saved labor cost. We have also contracted with Felch and Company to do the audit again this year, there was a small increase in their fee of \$200.00 this year. Mr. [redacted] annual renewal of his contract was discussed and everything went well. We chose to give him three extra personal days, to try to make up for some of the things he does above and beyond.

- E. Broadband Feasibility Study Mr. Goff -Town staff continues to work closely with officials from the James W. Sewall Company to conduct an intensive Internet Feasibility Study. The goal is to provide detailed information about current internet infrastructure that is in place in Fort Fairfield and to determine the cost and benefits of implementing various investments in telecommunications technology to improve access and speeds in our community. This survey will be available online at [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Fort Fairfield Broadband](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FortFairfieldBroadband). Town staff anticipates that the survey will be completed in mid-February and the final report issued in March.

IX. Old Business

- A. Spring Clean Up Mr. James Risner The Town conducted a spring cleanup the week of May 18, 2015, this was the first spring cleanup after a break of several years. At the May 20, 2015 Council meeting Councilor LeVasseur voiced her concerns regarding the cleanup and asked Mr. Watson for the manpower cost for the cleanup, which he stated was approximately \$1,000.00. Ms. LeVasseur then requested that a discussion, to include the total cost, be placed on the June 17, 2015 Council meeting. Staff reported that the cleanup took three and one half days and did not interfere with any regular public works projects. Most items were taken to Tri-Community with no direct costs to the Town and white goods and other metals were taken to the old Town garage area to be sold as junk at a later date. The cost of motor fuels was \$381. Ms. LeVasseur stated that she would like to have seen the total cost of the project, to include employee wages and rental of trucks, the discussion was tabled until the July 15, 2015 Council meeting. Staff reported at the July meeting that the total direct cost for the cleanup was \$10,452.66; \$6,590.00 for equipment, \$3,241.66 for labor, \$381 for fuel and \$240.00 for support from other Town departments. Council voted to continue the spring cleanup with more regulation, structure and publicity regarding the clarification as to what will be allowed and not allowed and for staff to develop rules to present to Council.

The 2016 spring cleanup is scheduled for May 16-19, it is recommended that the Council review the press release, flyer and refuse rejection form and provide any comments or guidance.

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C. Purchase of MT4 Trackless- Mr. James Risner - The public works department currently uses a 1983 John Deere 850 tractor to plow and salt sidewalks. There are no other uses for the John Deere and new parts are no longer available. There is an opportunity for the Town to purchase a 1987 Trackless MT4 with three accessories; snow blower, plow and sander; for \$6,000.00 from Chandler Farms in Mapleton. The MT4 will be used for pothole repair in addition to plowing and salting sidewalks. The market price for the MT4 and three accessories is between \$10,000 and \$12,000. The public works department is in the process of inspecting the MT4 and should know in the next few days if it is a piece of equipment the Town wants to buy. It is recommended that the Town Council authorizes the purchase of the 1987 Trackless MT4 and three accessories; snow blower, plow and sander; from Chandler Farms in Mapleton for not more than \$6,000.00, using funds from the Public Works Reserve account (G-1-3060-00).

Motion: Mr. Jason Barnes moved to authorize the purchase of the 1987 Trackless MT4 and three accessories; snow blower, plow and sander; from Chandler Farms in Mapleton for not more than \$6,000.00, using funds from the Public Works Reserve account (G-1-3060-00).

Second: Mr. Robert Kilcollins

Vote All affirmative

XI Minutes: Council Meeting December 16, 2015

Motion: Mr. John Herold moved to approve Minutes of December 16, 2015 with one correction in section VII, under new business, B, Ms. Susan Herold be changed to Ms. Susan LeVasseur.

Second: Mr. Jason Barnes

Vote All affirmative

XII Warrants: #12 - \$248,531.17, #13 - \$75,319 and #14- \$312,879.48

Motion: Mr. Robert Kilcollins moved to accept warrants #12, #13 & #14 as presented.

Second: Mr. John Herold

Vote All affirmative

XII Other Training Opportunities - The Maine Municipal Association offers training for elected officials. The training is normally conducted in Augusta. This year MMA is offering two courses in central Aroostook County. On Thursday, January 28th from 4:30 - 8:30 pm MMA will host via live teleconference the Elected Officials Workshop in Caribou at the Northern Maine Development Commission. On, Thursday, April 7th, they will host a Ro

XIV Executive Session

Motion: Mr. Jason Barnes moved to go into Executive Session at 6:50PM to discuss

1 MRSA 405 (6) (A) - Consideration of Appointments to the Economic Development Board

Second: Mr. Robert Kilcollins Vote All affirmative

Motion: Mr. John Herold moved to come out of executive session at 7:30 PM

Second: Mr. Jason Barnes Vote All affirmative

At the December 16, 2015 Council meeting the Council appointed individuals to the Economic Development Board and agreed to wait until the January 20, 2016 meeting to appoint a Council member.

Motion: Mr. Robert Kilcollins moved to appoint Mr. John Herold to the Economic Development Board as a Council Representative.

Second: Mr. John Herold Vote All affirmative

XV. Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Scott Smith moved to adjourn at 7:33 PM.

Second: Mr. John Herold Vote All affirmative

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca J. Hersey
Council Secretary