



Town Manager's Report to the Town Council

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FORT HALIFAX DAYS

I'm happy to report that our Fort Halifax Days planning is going very well. The event will be held on Saturday, June 18th, from 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM. There will be reenactments and demonstrations throughout the day by the Howard Company (from Ft. Western) and other reenactors. We will also have food and musical entertainment. The event will be free to the public so families are encouraged to attend.

To help raise money for our park improvement project we will be selling pavers to be engraved with the donor's information. The pavers will then be used as part of the planned display area. We will also be selling cotton tote bags to commemorate the event. To learn more, follow us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/FortHalifaxDays/

TRAFFIC MOVEMENT PERMIT

Due to the new development in our Industrial Park (Millennium Drive) by Wunderlich Properties, LLC we are required to submit a traffic movement permit to the Maine DOT. The reason we are required to submit the permit is because the new development along with existing development is expected to generate 100 to 200 trips to and from the park during various peak times. The primary purpose of the Traffic Movement Permit is to study the traffic patterns to determine if a left hand turning lane will be required on Rt. 201 to enter the Industrial Park. This study could take several months to complete. The cost for both the traffic movement permit and the study could be between \$2,000 and \$6,000, depending on what Maine DOT will require for the study.

Proposed Sewer Flow Rate Charge Increase

In the Council packet is Order No. 7-2016 which if approved will increase the sewer flow rate charge per 100 cu/ft by \$0.40 to \$3.00. The average domestic user (63.29 cu/ft) will see an annual increase of \$25.32 or \$6.33 per quarter. The purpose of the increase is to generate sufficient revenue to help fund much needed sewer improvement projects.

Attached to this report is a document prepared by our Public Works Director that compares our sewer flow rate charge to other communities. As you will see, with the exception of Waterville, we have the lowest charge rates in the area.

Ft. Halifax Donations

Last year I created a "Ft. Halifax Donation" revenue account in the Parks & Rec accounts to help track donations for the park. The donations are currently being used to help fund the park improvement project. Since our revenue accounts laps into the general fund at the end of our fiscal year I would like to stop using that revenue line item and begin using our Ft. Halifax capital account instead. I would also like to transfer the donations collected this year to the capital account as well. I have prepared Resolution No. 14-2016 that will authorize me to transfer the funds mentioned above.

Discussion Items

At our Monday Council meeting I would like to discuss expanding the zoning districts in which mobile homes are allowed. Currently mobile homes are only allowed in the Rural District.