



# Town Manager's Report to the Town Council

Submitted by:  
Michael W. Heavener  
June 7, 2016

Town of Winslow - In the heart of Central Maine representing People, Pride and Progress.

## DOMESTICATED CHICKEN ORDINANCE

The town's Agricultural Commission has made some changes to the proposed Domesticated Chicken Ordinance (Ord. No. 2-2016) in response to some of the concerns expressed by the Town Council. The revised ordinance is in the Council packet. I have highlighted the changes in yellow. As you will see, the revised ordinance only applies to residents in the Mixed Use zoning district with less than 2 acre lots, as well as, Medium Density Residential (MR) and High Density Residential (HR) zoning districts.

The Agricultural Commission is also proposing that the definition of Agriculture be amended to include personal use (see Ordinance No. 5-2016). If this change is approved then Agriculture for personal use will be allowed in all our zoning districts except Medium Density and High Density Residential.

## Proposed Sewer Flow Rate Charge Increase

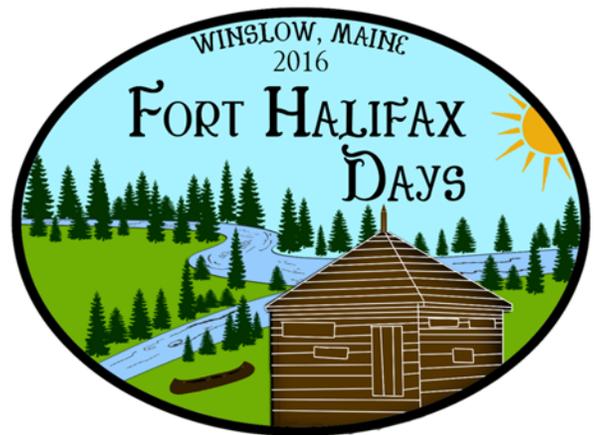
At the last Council meeting the Council considered Order No. 7-2016, which if approved will increase the sewer flow rate charge per 100 cu/ft by \$0.40 to \$3.00. The average domestic user (63.29 cu/ft) will see an annual increase of \$25.32 or \$6.33 per quarter.

At the meeting I was asked how much additional revenue will the proposed increase generate. Attached to this report is a document that illustrates three sewer flow rate charge options and how much additional revenue each will generate. As you will see, the proposed \$0.40 increase is projected to generate \$65,346 in additional revenue.

The document also shows the Sewer Department fund balances from FY2009 to FY2016. The department has gone from a high of \$504,384 in FY2013 to a low of \$224,788 in FY2016.

## Benefits for Part-time Employees?

I have put this topic on the Council agenda as a discussion item. We have some necessary employees who work less than 35 hour but do not receive benefits such as vacation and sick-time. I am concerned about retaining these employees and would like to discuss the possibility of offering them some benefits. If we were to offer them vacation and sick-time it would not impact our budgets. Currently there are only three regularly scheduled part-time employees who I would like to offer benefits to. We will discuss this further at our Council meeting.



**Saturday, June 18, 2016**

*1:00 PM to 4:30 PM*

*at Fort Halifax Park*

- 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Ft. Halifax Days Open & Free to the Public
- French and Indian War Reenactments by Living History Reenactors
- Musical Entertainment by Castlebay
- Food for Sale by Local Organizations
- Taconnett Falls Genealogical Library will be having their Annual Fair on Lithgow St. 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
- Please bring Chairs and Join us for a Fun Filled Afternoon

