A Special Meeting of Council was held on the above date with the following in attendance:

**Councilors Present:**
- Deputy Mayor Paul Torraville
- Councilor Barbara Jacobs
- Councilor Sheldon Hamlyn
- Councilor Samuel Rowe
- Councilor Tracey Hart
- Councilor William Hart

**Staff:**
- Amanda McGrath, Clerk/Town Manager
- Daphne Coles, Executive Administrative Assistant

**Absent:**
- Mayor Wayne Collins
- Councilor Scottie Hart

1. **Call to Order:**
   Deputy Mayor Torraville welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. **Review of the Agenda**
   - Agenda was reviewed and accepted.

3. **Fogo Water issues – Installation of Booster Pumps**
   - Councilor Rowe declared himself in conflict of interest and was excused from the meeting at 7:04 PM.
   - More clarification is needed from the Contractor regarding the installation of booster pump for new development. Council called the Contractor at home for further explanation.
   - Contractor applied to Town for a permit to develop land and connect to Town Water and Sewer System several months ago and permit hasn’t been issued yet. Planned to do this work now and deadlines need to be met, with the first one being October 31st, 2018.
   - Staff has sent email to Contractor outlining what information is required for the approval of the permit; no information has been submitted to obtain the permit.
   - Water Resources Management Division of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment has request the Contractor to install a booster pump on the main water line to increase water pressure instead of in individual buildings as originally planned, due to low water pressure at the planned site. It was noted that booster pumps can be installed at the beginning of the water supply or another location somewhere in between.
   - This could be of high costs and not feasible for the Contractor for such a development. To proceed the Contractor would need a commitment from the Town to install booster pumps on the water supply to provide the required water pressure.
   - Council feels that this development is a good investment for the community and the Town, but such a commitment would have to benefit the whole community and not just one development.

   **2018-229**
   **T. Hart/Jacobs**
   Resolved that the Town of Fogo Island commit to having an engineering firm investigate the cost of installing a booster pump to increase water pressure for Fogo Water Supply.
   Resolution Carried. In favour 5. Against 0.

4. **Water Drainage Old Hospital Site Project**
   - Staff met with the Engineer today regarding the work on the new drainage system. The location of the pipe crossing the roadway had to be changed due to the location of the municipal water line.
- It has been determined that the drain pipe leading up to the old well road is not working properly, the pipe is deteriorating coming down from the catch basin up close to the end of the road and should be replaced for the whole system to work properly.

2018-230
T. Hart/W. Hart
Resolved that the Town of Fogo Island make the request to the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment to use the full amount of approved funding to extend the storm drainage pipe to an existing storm drain on the old well road.
Resolution Carried. In favour 5. Against 0.

❖ Councilor Rowe rejoined the meeting at 7:52 PM.

5. **Stadium Delays**
- Pressure testing on Ammonia pipes have been completed and no leaks detected.
- Condenser won’t be shipped from Ontario until November 19th and the Electrical Panel won’t be shipped until November 15th and both should arrive within a week of being shipped.
- Superintendent of Public Works is still conducting tests on the equipment to determine a potential startup date and Councilors will be updated by email of the results.
- Conference call with the Engineer, Contractor and Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment is set up for Friday, October 26th at 9:00AM.

6. **Rise in Assessment Values**
- Assessment values are not determined by the Town, this is done by the Municipal Assessment Agency.
- For Fogo Island the Total values have increased by 26.1%; the Total Tenant Value has increased by 39.1% and the Average Residential Value has increased by 24.3%.
- Property values is calculated uses the physical characteristics and property sales.
- Over the past several years the number of properties for sale has increased and in addition the value of those sales has dramatically increased. For example, a traditional salt box house sold from anywhere between $10,000-$20,000 twenty years ago; now they are selling for $100,000-$200,000. It is the same for vacant land – twenty years ago it sold for $500-$1000, now parcels of land is selling for thousands of dollars $70,000 plus.
- Actual resale assessments for properties are 2 – 3 times higher than the municipal assessment values.

7. **Selling of Properties in Leu of Taxes Owing**
- This is not a revenue source.
- There are 5 properties on the list for possible sale:
  - 75 Main Street, Seldom
  - 4 Stag Harbour Hill Rd., Stag Harbour
  - 23 Stag Hr Rd North, Stag Harbour
  - 5 Wild Cove Road, Seldom
  - 1 Freake’s Lane, Fogo
- Still waiting on the property searches which is being conducted by our lawyers.

8. **Ways to Increase Revenue for the Town**
- Many of the Town buildings are costing the town money for the maintenance and operational costs. Some buildings are not being used at all, thus not providing any revenue to the town to help offset some of these costs.
- Council needs to proceed with picking a site for the new town building and proceed with selling some of its current structures.
9. **Property Tax Discount**  
- Discussed several times since the 2018 budget with concerns being raised by seniors and Council agreed to review the discount again during the 2019 budget preparation.  
- Options are being discussed by the Finance Committee and Staff.

10. **Update on Court Issues**  
- Court proceedings are postponed until January 9, 2019

11. **Other**

10.1 **Fogo Fire Station – 2004 Dodge Ram 4x4 Pick-up**  
- Truck is currently at Newman’s Garage and cannot be repaired.  
- Truck was used as accessory vehicle to first respond to fire calls to Deep Bay or Island Harbour. When a fire call came in this Truck would be the first to leave and carried a pump and hose to the scene. This would enable the Firemen to have the pump working with the salt water supply once the Fire Truck got on the scene.  
- Contact is being made on getting a replacement vehicle.

10.2 **Operation 2020 – Firefighter 1 Training, 2018 Edition**  
- Program will be delivered in-house by Fire Station trained officers over a period of 14 month or shorter if an individual Fire Station chooses.  
- Training is offered through an on-line management system and will permit free access to all of the new Essential 7 curriculum material.

12. **Adjournment:**  
Meeting be adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Amanda McGrath  
Clerk/Town Manager

Wayne Collins  
Mayor