



Atlas Tack Working Group

MINUTES

February 12, 2026

minutes accepted
at 2/19/26 meeting
FAIRHAVEN TOWN CLERK
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Present: Rick Trapilo- Chair, Doug Brady- Vice-Chair, Michael Sherman, Patrick Carr, Ken Blanchard, David Gerber, Cathy Melanson, Keith Silvia-Select Board Representative, Rick Forand-Director of Inspectional Service/ Building

Meeting Called to Order: by Chair Rick Trapilo 5:04 PM

Minutes: voted to accept minutes of 01-29-26 all in favor. Motion by Ken B. second Rick T.

Chair's Report:

Updated the group on the slide presentation at the Select Board meeting on 02-09-26 and the positive impact it had and well received.

Rick posted on Facebook an update about Atlas Tack and the slide presentation for the public.

Notified anyone in the public with questions, please feel free to contact Rick T. and he can address or refer accordingly.

Informed the group regarding status of Atlas Tack and EPA that the EPA Assessment Report was not available.

Discussion / Action Items:

- The meeting focused on the ongoing situation regarding the Atlas Tack property, including discussions about fines being issued, fencing requirements, and the upcoming EPA report. Rick F. provided updates on the daily fines being imposed, which have now reached \$2,000 per day for two separate violations related to the building demolition and fence installation. Rick (Building Department): Continue issuing daily fines to Atlas Tack for failure to secure the property (fencing) and failure to demolish the building, and provide weekly/monthly reports to Ann (accounting) for tracking. Rick F. explained the fines, **per day**, are \$1000 for not proper fencing and \$1000 for failure to demolish the building which results in \$2000 per day in fines. Rick F. will advise the group of totals to date at the next meeting.
- The EPA report has not been received by the town yet and awaiting the final report.
- The group discussed a meeting scheduled for next Tuesday with town council and Atlas Tack representatives to address the fencing situation and potential EPA involvement.
- There was also discussion about the need to get community input on future usage of the site, though this was deemed premature given the current situation but willing to possibly address in the future. The conversation ended with agreement to hold a follow-up meeting the following Thursday.
- **The TA Mr. Hickey has a scheduled meeting with Town Council, Atlas Tack Council and Rick Forand on Tuesday 2/17/26 to review developments. The Chair Rick T. will be asking to attend that meeting as well.**



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Committee Member Items: Patrick reiterated the need for a proper secure to be erected for public safety. David expressed concerns about fencing as well and while working with the attorneys to also consider getting quotes now of costs. Doug mentioned the presentation was well received and thanked Rick T. for presenting the slide show in an easy precise manner. Ken asked if the towns cable access division can put the slide show up on channel 97 cable access for viewers to see. Michael expressed that the group to be aware of the surrounding and comments and if we have discussions that might render into executive session realm. Asked for more information on that topic to ensure no breach of privileged communications. Rick thanked the group for all their hard work and how far and how fast we have come in such a short time.

Public Comment – Limited to two minutes- None

Correspondence - None

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Select next meeting date- February 19, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Adjournment -5:52 PM

Submitted by Rick Trapilo - Chair / Clerk