

**Town of Dallas Plantation**  
**Board of Assessors Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 4, 2021**

**Assessors Present:** Linda Jones, Mark Bridges

**Public Present:** TA Morgan

**Call to order:** Linda Jones called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM

**Public to Speak:** None

**Acceptance of Minutes:** April 20, 2021 Meeting

**Motion to accept April 20, 2021 Minutes as written:** Linda Jones **Second** Mark Bridges **Decision**  
2-0

**Tax Collector Report:** N/A

**Treasurer:** Bills were reviewed and the warrant signed.

**Ongoing Business:**

**Town House- Town Clerk:** Linda reported per Dave Schinas that the office continues to be busy with registrations and property map inquiries.

**Summer Roads:** Mark has made contact with Steve Morrill to discuss road projects. They will meet to develop a plan for immediate maintenance concerns. The Posted Roads will have the signs taken down by the end of this week. A road traffic and sign inventory will be done to address the RLTC crossing, additional speed limit signs and to replace worn stop signs. Linda will forward the Traffic and Safety sign company website information to him.

**New Business:**

**Cell Tower:** LUPC has posted the agenda for the Commissioners May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. DP505 Cell Tower Application request for public hearing is scheduled for review. To note: the application is not complete however and it is unknown as to when that process will be finalized. The application is posted on Featured Projects on their website.

**Maps:** Linda Jones, David Schinas had to reschedule the in person review.

**School Board:** No candidates have come forward to replace Brian Delutio. When the School Budget is presented the Assessors will comment regarding the per student cost increase by \$4k.

**Consolidated Communications:** Rangeley issued a tentative timeline for procedural requirements to achieve an August bond application for reference. The next delegate meeting is Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Linda contacted Arctaris Impact Fund to ask for a review of the current proposal, funding allocation and opportunities as they are involved in Broadband projects in Maine Opportunity Zones (which Dallas is not). Current populations and property valuations including acreage in tree growth were presented for both Sandy River and Dallas to assist in the analysis of the proposal. They will review and respond as the project proceeds.

**Saddleback Mountain Road:** Rep. Golden's staff called a meeting regarding the Community Project Funding request submitted. Linda and Atty. Federle met via Zoom with the local and DC staff. MDOT questioned the municipal funding request with concerns regarding the terms of their agreement with Arctaris/Saddleback. Atty. Federle contacted MDOT to clarify federal funding affecting the agreement. Commissioner Hume weighed in, the request was pulled.

Rep. Golden's office has responded acknowledging the project and offering future support. The staff will visit us in the coming months for continued conversation on the Plantation's needs.

Linda will retract the NBRC application materials and reach out to thank everyone who wrote letters of endorsement.

Discussion ensued regarding contacting state reps to support Broadband funding and the recent request for comment to increase the minimum speeds to 50M/ 50M. Should this be adopted, the Plantation would better qualify for funding as "unserved" rather than "underserved".

**Building Permits:** Linda received LUPC's Weekly and Monthly permitting notification and noted the Saddleback application posted for Sandy River. The application is for employee housing in Dallas and a 24 unit A Frame Subdivision in Sandy River. Atty. Federle was contacted to request complete application materials be submitted to the Plantations noting that application must be concurrently submitted to the Assessors. The complete file was electronically transferred and a hard copy will be delivered on Monday.

LUPC was contacted to clarify their online communications, review requirements, multi jurisdictional applications and change of staff review. Jean Flannery, Permitting and Compliance director responded by email and phone call to the inquiry. Linda expressed the

Plantations concerns in following the process for keeping town record as well as complying with municipal input. LUPC will rectify the situation by: communicating directly with both Plantations; post large projects as Featured Projects on their main website for easy access online; work with the Plantations to set up communications in a new system they are developing for notification and respond to Plantation inquiry with assistance through the Commission's staff. This resolve was forwarded to Sandy River by email.

**LUPC Request for a Review and Comment on Pending Application:** Permit#: DP 4131Y; Arctaris Saddleback Real Estate, LLC. Project: 24 room, 8270 square ft. employee housing unit was received. The application and site plan were reviewed and unanimously accepted as presented.

**Meeting:** Next Assessor meeting is Tuesday May 18, 2021

**Motion:** Linda motioned to adjourn at 7:01pm

**Second:** Mark Bridges

Decision: 2-0

**Action:** Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM

**Minutes:** Taken by Linda Jones