

**Town of Dallas Plantation**  
**Board of Assessors Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 10, 2021**

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

**Public Present:** TA Morgan, LeeAnn Reid

**Call to order:** Linda Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

**Public to Speak:** LeeAnn Reid- Recreational Trail Coordinator for the state of Maine. LeeAnn came to see the Assessors regarding opening ATV trails up in Dallas Plantation. She presented a proposed ATV trail utilizing Dallas Hill Rd. up to the Saddleback Mountain Rd. to City Pond Rd. The intent of the trail would be to connect Rangeley to Phillips to bring more business to the area and complete access from all points which they currently don't. She gave an overview of the Bureaus best management practices citing landowner permission, approved contractors building trails and continued management. The Assessors stated that current concerns regarding the volume of traffic and excessive speeds on the proposed road use are paramount. Oversight and enforcement by both the Wardens and Sheriff 's are a further concern with the lack of manpower. Road maintenance would also be a consideration. Illegal use by ATVs on municipal roads is an ongoing issue recently addressed in a letter to area Realtors and Rental Agencies. The Plantation concerns will be brought to the state. Ms. Reid will return to address our concerns.

**Acceptance of Minutes:** July 27, 2021

**Motion to accept July 27, 2021 Minutes as written:** Mark Bridges **Second** Linda Jones **Decision** 2-0

**Tax Collector Report:** N/A

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

**Ongoing Business:**

**Town House- Town Clerk:** David Schinas spoke with Consolidated Communication and it will take at least 60 days to get the Broadband installed at the Town Office. The Town Office continues to be busy with the new influx of new people.

**Summer Roads:** Linda met with Saddleback and The Chamber reps to discuss the collaborative effort to address excessive speed and trash on our roads. Molly Shaw of Saddleback forwarded possible social media posts for review. The Assessors agreed that the message was on point. Linda will follow up to take initial steps and discuss further action. The Evergreen Golf sign compromise is still pending, MDOT will be asked for an update. It was noted that the parking barriers have not been moved and cars are interfering with the road right of way. Several areas were identified as needing brush and tree limbs removed, Mark has the work scheduled.

**New Business:**

**Cell Tower:** Rising Tide Towers- A public hearing will be at 6:00 PM on Tuesday September 7, 2021 at the Sugarloaf Mountain Hotel. The public can offer oral testimony relevant to the Commissioner's review of the proposal. The Assessors asked for the information to be posted on our website. LUPC commissioners are planning a site visit, it is unclear if the application is complete.

**Maps:** Pam White is working on lots that have been split and then she will proof read the maps with the Assessors.

**Consolidated Communications:** A press release was issued on Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> as an update to the project. Linda received communication from Rangeley Plt. that they do not wish to further discuss an Interlocal Agreement until the potential NTIA grant results CCI is applying for is known in November. No further meetings have been scheduled yet.

**Saddleback Mountain Road:** Jeff Preble anticipates a quote from Pike this week. The Plantation will be copied on the correspondence.

**Local Health Officer:** Still seeking a candidate- will post on website and on Rangeley Job Search

**LUPC/Plumbing Permit: Marion Drive-** Paul Ferguson Packard- plumbing inspector sent a Notice of Violation registered mail. LUPC has not received a permit application as requested. Both agencies will follow up and update.

**LUPC-NEW PERMITS:**

- 1) Permit BP-16744- Kendall Farm Trail- New Dwelling- LUPC approved
- 2) Permit BP-16717- Nichols Road- adding enclosed Porch- LUPC approved
- 3) Permit BP-12447-A Dallas Hill Road-reconstructing house and garage- LUPC approved
- 4) DP 4131- Saddleback Mountain Road- Mid Mountain Lodge- LUPC approved

**ATV & Snowmobile:** It was found that someone had posted a green ATV Trail sign at the head of the snowmobile trail on town property. The identifying trail sign was removed. It was agreed that a No ATV sign be posted.

**ARPA:** Program details are not yet clarified, we are following information provided by MMA.

**Loon Lake:** The letter opposing the 2022 Rule Making proposal to expanded Winter Angling Opportunities on Loon Lake was sent minus Patricia Ellis' signature. Watercode ID 2384, Located in Dallas Plantation/Rangeley, B open to ice fishing and S-11 the use of live bait. The Commission was asked to provide a means of following proposed rulemaking directly affecting the Plantation. The Plantation email will be added to a general distribution list. No specific municipal filter is available similar to LUPC or Maine Forestry.

**Meeting:** Next Assessor meeting is Tuesday August 24, 2021

**Motion:** Mark Bridges motioned to adjourn at 7:20 PM

**Second:** Linda Jones

**Decision:** 3-0

**Action:** Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

**Minutes:** Taken by David Schinas