**Town of Dallas Plantation**

**Board of Assessors Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, August 24, 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 utilizing Dallas Hill and Saddleback Mountain Roads. Landowner permission has not yet been sought to establish trails. The Assessors indicated a preference for a trail crossing the public road as opposed to using a distance of public road. They also requested landowner permission be sought. Stated concerns were: liability, safety, oversight, enforcement and noise.

**Acceptance of Minutes:** August 24, 2021

**Motion to** **accept August 24, 2021 Minutes as written:** Patricia Ellis **Second** Linda Jones **Decision** 3-0

**Tax Collector Report:** N/A

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

**Ongoing Business:**

**Town House- Town Clerk:** David Schinas said there was normal traffic coming to the Town Office. Liz Sweeney of Rangeley Plantation proposed a quarterly meeting at the school at the end of September on a Monday evening at 6:00 PM. No one had a conflict with the proposed dates but would prefer not to meet at the school. It was agreed that the Dallas meeting hall could be offered as an alternative. Fiber cable broadband wil be installed Sept 26th. New email addresses need to be established to replace the Fairpoint ones. It was suggested that the same name format be used with @dallasplt.com as the new address. Patti noted a camper at the intersection of Spruce Circle and Deer Run appears to be established as a permanent occupation with the construction of a covered porch. There is no known permit, Paul Packard will be asked to look into the septic.

**Summer Roads** Dallas Plantation Assessors, Molly Shaw-Saddleback Mountain and Karen Ogulnick-Chamber have collaborated on a press release regarding resident’s concerns about increased speeds and volume on our local roads. The Assessors agreed to the press release as written. Everyone will be encouraged to adopt a more relaxed and respectful way behind the wheel. The Assessors agreed to add speed limit signs along Dallas Hill Road and Saddleback Mountain Road. The Assessors also agreed to add pedestrian signs near the Cross Country Ski Center. Patti suggested additional speed limit signs for Dallas HilL Road. Linda will follow up with MDOT. Evergreen Golf Course has not responded to MDOT requests for a solution, they are following up. Steve Morrill will begin clearing culverts, removing rocks and ditching next week. Mark will be working with him to address immediate maintenance. It was noted that the entrance to the trail center is not clearly visible on the downhill approach due to excessive brush. The area will be addressed. Linda met with Tom Federle earlier in the day, he indicated that management would be meeting on Thursday to discuss the quote and road works. He will get in touch after the meeting.

**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. Information is posted on the Plantation website.

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

**Consolidated Communications:**  Ongoing

**Saddleback Mountain Road:** Pike Industries sent out a quote to Arctaris/Saddleback for the paving and repairing Saddleback Mountain Road for the amount of 2,035,109.75 on August 13, 2021.

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

**LUPC/Plumbing Permit: Marion Drive-** Paul Ferguson notified Dallas Plantation that Beth Flynn approved the existing septic system to be capable of accepting waste water from the camper. LUPC has issued a Notice of Violation for non-compliance after requesting permitting.

**ATV & Snowmobile:** Patti has received multiple complaints regarding ATVs on Dallas Hill Road. Attempts to locate No Atv signs locally were unsuccessful. It was suggested that cement barriers be placed at the head of the snowmobile trail when the season ended and moved when the season reopened. Mark Beauregard has indicated that he was going to block his land on the same trail. The Assessors agreed to post a prominent sign and block the trail head with a well flagged cable and pad lock. Peter will be asked to get this done immediately. Mark Beauregard will be notified to effect a coordinated effort. David Schinas will order No ATV signs.

**ARPA:** Announce that there will be a portal launch enabling Dallas Plantation to request ARPA revenues

**Tax Bills:** The Assessors will review the tax bill format to update important information. The annual letter will need to be written in the next month.

**LUPC 20 Year Plan:** Linda Jones noted that the LUPC Commission stated intent to do a twenty year review of the Rangeley Region Plan. The Assessors will watch for the process and give some thought to updates.

**Meeting:** Next Assessor meeting is Tuesday September 7, 2021

**Motion:** Mark Bridges motioned to adjourn at 7:27 PM

**Second:** Patricia Ellis

**Decision**: 3-0

**Action:** Meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM

**Minutes:** Taken by David Schinas