

Town of Dallas Plantation
Board of Assessors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Assessors Present: Linda Jones, Mark Bridges

Public Present: TA Morgan

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

Public to Speak: None

Acceptance of Minutes: August 24, 2021

Motion to accept August 24, 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: David Schinas said that real estate questions picked up again in the last two weeks. Bureau of Motor Vehicles are conducting an audit which they do every four or five years for the Plantation. Dallas Plantation, Rangeley, Sandy River Plantation and Rangeley Plantation will have their quarterly meeting at the Dallas Plantation Town House at 6:00 PM. The LUPC Public Hearing for the proposed Cell Tower is tonight at 6:00 PM at Sugarloaf. Peter Christensen has done some touch up painting on the Townhouse.

Summer Roads: MDOT has agreed to put up more speed limit signs on Dallas Hill Road. David Schinas has ordered more speed limit signs, Residential Area please slow down signs and Pedestrian Crossing signs For Saddleback Mountain Road and Lower Dallas Hill Road. MDOT has talked to Evergreen Golf and will do a site visit soon. Mark said he would order cold patch for emergency use for the roads.

New Business:

Cell Tower: The Town of Rangeley submitted a letter of support for the application in regard to improvements in telecommunications critical to the health, safety and welfare of the region. Discussion regarding the same resulted in a vote to provide a letter of support. Vote 2-0.

Maps: Pam White said she will finish updates to the Town Maps this week.

Consolidated Communications: Ongoing

Saddleback Mountain Road: Arctaris- Saddleback will be approaching MDOT about possibly restructuring their agreement of funding the revitalization of the road. Maintenance will begin next week on immediate issues. Mark will access and identify specific areas of concern: rock removal, ditching and pavement degradation.

Dallas Plantation-Saddleback- Chamber Media Response: The collaborated message to “slow your speed” has been overwhelmingly positive within the community.

Local Health Officer: The Assessors appointed David Schinas Health Officer by a vote of 2-0

LUPC/Plumbing Permit: Marion Drive- Ongoing

ATV & Snowmobile: Peter Christensen has put up a chained lock across the snowmobile trail on the Dallas Plantation property Mark Beauregard has been informed of this measure. A No ATV Sign is on order.

ARPA: MMA announced that there will be a portal launch enabling Dallas Plantation to request ARPA revenues. Maine State Portal rejected our address- David Schinas to call agency.

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: The Assessors will keep a lookout for updates regarding the LUPC 20 year plan.

Harris Corp-Trio- Linda Jones signed contract for an upgrade of Trio Software for tax billing and collections.

Loon Lake: The Assessors reviewed Carolyn Schwalbe Email stating that most people on Loon Lake oppose ice fishing because they fear accidental introduction of new species of fish thru live bait being proposed by Inland Fisheries. Most of owners on the lake have written letters to the Department of Inland Fisheries opposing ice fishing on Loon Lake. She mentioned on her email that Senator Russell Black would be at future Rangeley Town meeting. She suggested that most of the residents are in Dallas Plantation maybe he should meet at the next Assessors meeting.

Tilt of the Kilt: Dallas Plantation will be looking into a property regarding any LUPC and plumbing-septic permit.

Spruce Circle-Deer Run: Dallas Plantation will be looking a property regarding their LUPC permit and plumbing-septic permit regarding a trailer with a porch while they are building their house.

New Truck: Formal procedure to place the order for a new small truck needs to take place. Mark will bring the details to the next meeting for approval.

Donation Request: The Assessors agreed to a February 1, 2022 for donation requests. They also agreed on new donation request form consistent with the Town Of Rangeley.

Cold Patch: Availability of having cold patch on hand for emergency asphalt repair was discussed and determined. Mark will look into the product suggested by MDOT to order.

Dallas Hill Road Maintenance: Linda will contact MDOT to inquire about scheduled maintenance in light of the work not completed last year due to equipment failure. Specifically: shoulder work/ditching and hot top break up within the traveled way in several areas.

Meeting: Next Assessor meeting is Tuesday September 21, 2021

Motion: Mark Bridges motioned to adjourn at 7:09 PM

Second: Linda Jones

Decision: 2-0

Action: Meeting adjourned at 7:09 PM

Minutes: Taken by David Schinas