

Minutes for the Dallas Plantation

Board of Assessors

Tuesday May 16, 2023

Assessors Present: Linda Jones and Mark Bridges.

Public Present: George Buck and Jacob Beaulieu

George Buck was present to discuss sign repair. George has ordered a new sign that is smaller in length, with the intention of the sign being 2.5 ft further away from the road. MDOT requires signs to be 33 ft from the center line or 10 ft from the travel lane. The board made a unanimous decision that George may replace the sign 2.5 ft further from the road. However, the new owners need to make the necessary changes to meet MDOT standards prior to the winter season.

Jacob Beaulieu presented ATV State Grant Funding for Board approval. The Board requested time to review the application prior to signing.

Acceptance of Minutes May 02, 2023: Linda moved to accept; Mark seconded; 3-0.

Tax Collector: None.

Treasurer: Bills reviewed and paid.

Linda Dexter presented the board with a financial report of the town's current funds, and the cash requirements for bills due through the beginning of November. The board voted unanimously to transfer funds not to exceed \$700,000.00 into a high yield (4.5%) 7-month CD offered through Franklin Savings Bank.

Ongoing Business

Town House:

- Weeks Tent Rental Agreement: Contract with Weeks Tent Rental reviewed and signed for the Annual Town Meeting to be held at 6pm on Friday June 23.
- Old Equipment: Outdated Town Clerk and Treasurer computers to be disposed of at the Rangeley Transfer Station after hard drives have been properly wiped.
- Office Chairs: Tattered office chair to be disposed of at the Rangeley Transfer Station. The office has two chairs that are in excellent condition, however the hydraulics are not functioning properly. These chairs will be utilized in the conference room. Katrina will order a chair to replace the malfunctioning chair that is currently on rotation in the front office.

- RSU #78 notified the Town the June payment will be \$52.14 less than originally projected.
- A resident notified the town that the cemetery fence at the Stuart-Green-Bubier Cemetery has fallen over. Mark will look at the fence and straighten.

Franklin County Emergency Management: Mark reports working with M&H last Saturday and pulling 6-7 loads of debris. Mark will continue to monitor clean-up efforts.

The Town Office is waiting to be contacted by FEMA about winter Storm Elliott. Projected date was mid-May.

No word from Franklin County if the county qualifies for funding from the May 1st rainstorm.

Maintenance Contractors: Elmes Property Management quoted \$9,500 to scrape and paint the Town House. Linda made a motion to accept the bid, Mark seconded. A unanimous decision was made to hire Elmes Property Management to re-paint the Town House.

George Crosson of Dallas Hill Construction presented three options to the board for the Truck Garage Door repair. The board will hold further discussion at a future meeting.

Mark fixed the chain closing the trail off to ATV traffic next to the Town House.

Summer Roads: Lyle Road work was completed. Mark is continuing to fill potholes while the Town is waiting for the dirt section of Dallas Hill Rd to be graded.

Linda met with the team working on Saddleback Mountain Rd and the other financially responsible parties. The road project will be picked back up in June. It is anticipated to take a week and a half to pave. The crew will then complete necessary shoulder work. The road project is anticipated to come in close to the budgeted amount. It was reiterated to Arctaris Saddleback that if they would like to expand on the project on their end it will be at 100% cost to them.

Evergreen Sign Repair: See Public to Speak section. Linda had contacted MDOT for follow up and will update them on the temporary agreement.

Broadband Update: None.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS): Linda attended a public session held by the USFWS to obtain information on the proposed National Wildlife Refuge that encompasses a large portion of Dallas Plantation.

Meeting: Next Assessors Meeting is scheduled for May 30, 2023, at 6:00PM.

Motion: Linda motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM.

Second: Mark seconded.

Action: Meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Minutes: Taken by Katrina Gacki