

Minutes for the Dallas Plantation Meeting

Tuesday August 22, 2023

Public to Speak: Scott and Kathleen Remillard, Benjamin Wetherill

- Scott and Kathleen Remillard voiced concerns about a hazardous tree on their property. They noted frustration in having spoken to multiple agencies about the tree and being told they are not allowed to cut it. The Town can help facilitate a conversation between residents and agencies but has no legal recourse on this matter. The Remillard's inquired if Spruce Circle could become a public road. The board advised the road would need to be brought up to LUPC standards if the Town was to consider making it a public roadway. The response from the board is that this a private and civil matter, and while they cannot provide legal advice, they did provide information on how a Road Association may help to spread the fees associated with road maintenance among all the property owners. Patti will provide information to Katrina on Road Associations that will be passed on to the Remillard's, as well as property owner's mailing addresses.

Acceptance of Minutes: August 08, 2023, Patricia motioned to accept, Linda seconded, unanimous.

Tax Collector:

- Sheila reports there is \$9,718.91 of taxes left to be collected from the 2022 tax year.
- 30-day notices will be mailed on September 12, 2023, to delinquent taxpayers.

Treasurer: Warrant items reviewed and signed.

On-Going Business

Town House:

- NIMS Training-Chief Bacon, rescheduled for September 5th.
- Quarterly Meeting- Fall 2023: Joe Roach, Town Manager, for the Town of Rangeley, inquired if September 25th, at 6 PM would work to meet for a quarterly meeting. The board unanimously said yes and offered to host.
- Katrina has not heard back about signing up for online boat registrations. Patti will look and see if she has a different person to contact.
- Town clerk and treasurer computers are being backed up by API. Katrina is waiting for TRIO to uninstall their software, so that API can back up the tax collector computer.

Notice of Violation/Corrective Action: The board reviewed the property in question and was unable to find evidence of a violation.

Franklin County Emergency Management:

- FEMA Meeting- Aug 15th: Linda Jones, Mark Bridges, Katrina Gacki, Reginald Hammond, Chief Michael Bacon, Jennifer Larson with LUPC, Amanda Simoneau and Sara Bickford with Franklin County Emergency Management, Heather Dumais and Christine Whelan with MEMA, and three representatives from FEMA met to discuss funding opportunities. After discussion, the team toured lower Dallas Hill Road and Harold Ross Road. Katrina and Linda to follow up with Heather and Christine on Wednesday August 23rd.
- Franklin County Emergency Management. August 17th meeting: Linda attended the meeting in Farmington. Concerns over communications discussed at the meeting. Through conversation with Chief Bacon Linda was made aware of the procedures and documentation the Fire Department is required to do. Chief Bacon will explain more on September 5th.
- MDOT; Car Counter Loan: At the August 15th meeting MEMA suggested a car counter as documentation to be used for grants. Katrina spoke with Aaron Buotte with MDOT to inquire about the program. MDOT loans car counters in two-week increments, longer if there is no other demand. There is no fee for the program, but the counters are to be picked up and dropped off in Augusta. MDOT provides information obtained during use and provides training on how to set up the device. It was noted that the device is not useable during the winter months and would only provide a small snapshot of time rather than a full year as suggested by MEMA.
- The board reviewed and signed the Franklin County Hazard Mitigation Plan 2023.

Maintenance Contractors:

- AJ Elmes Property Maintenance to begin painting peaks of the office building.
- Katrina will reach out to Doug Gage and inquire about a start date for the Oakes/Peary cemetery fence.

Summer Roads: Saddleback Mountain Road by City Hill Road received damage during August 8th rainfall due to culverts on City Hill Rd being full. The area was secured with safety cones and earthwork completed to restore the area. Pike will fit Saddleback Mountain Road paving repairs into schedule.

Saddleback Mountain Road:

- Road Project: Pike is done with the project. The town is waiting to receive one more invoice from Wright Pierce. Linda met with Jimmy Quimby, General Manager and Darren Winslow, CFO at Saddleback Mountain to answer questions

about the service contract. To date the project is roughly 8k over the estimated cost. Wright Pierce will provide a final report and invoice in the coming weeks. Linda secured a grace period for payment without late fees to Pike after learning that MDOT/Saddleback would not make the deadline.

- Parking: The board reviewed correspondence between Jimmy Quimby and the Sandy River Board of Assessors regarding street parking on the Saddleback Mountain Road during the winter months. The board will wait to see what Sandy River decides on their end.

LUPC:

- LUPC Office Space: Going well so far. Linda and Katrina will work on a Press Release that clearly states the office is open to everyone looking for LUPC services and is not exclusive to Dallas Plantation property owners.
- STR: On-going. Updates are still coming out on the website. Comments from the Rangeley region public forum have been posted.

Maine High Peaks-National Wildlife Refuge: On-going.

Adjourn: Mark motioned to adjourn. Linda seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.