

Minutes for the Dallas Plantation Meeting

Tuesday October 03, 2023

Public to Speak: None.

Acceptance of Minutes: September 19, 2023, Linda motioned to accept, Mark seconded, unanimous.

Tax Collector:

Treasurer: Warrant items reviewed and signed.

- Auditor: The board reviewed pricing from RHR Smith & Company, Maine Municipal Audit Services, and Ron Beaulieu & Company. The Board unanimously approved to go with RHR Smith & Company for audit services. Linda Jones signed the service agreement.
- CD's Mature Oct. 2023: The board reviewed current CD options at Franklin Savings Bank (FSB) and Skowhegan Savings Bank. Linda motioned to move FSB CD to Skowhegan Savings, a 7-month CD with a 5% interest Rate. Motion carried unanimously. FSB CD will be discussed during the next meeting.

On-Going Business

Town House:

- Quarterly Meeting- Fall 2023: Rangeley and Dallas Plantation attended. Services available through the Rangeley Fire Department discussed.
- Rapid Renewals: Waiting for a response from Rapid Renewals.
- API: The Board voted unanimously to purchase the 3-year option of SOPHOS malware protection for the three office computers.
- Procurement Policy: Signed by Patricia.
- BRIC Grant: Katrina will call MDOT first thing 10/04 and request car counters. Linda will check in with Paul and follow up on the engineering report for Harold Ross Road and Dallas Hill Road. Paul has been out of town.
- Car counts taken from the Franklin County Sheriff's speed sign located in front of the Town Office on Dallas Hill Road from 4/13-4/27/2023 reviewed. 13,499 cars were counted during this time.
- Taxpayer Letter: Discussed including a notice to homeowners to clearly communicate where ATV trail access is located, information on dog licensing, accessory structures, road associations/emergency response access, and website information.

- Absentee Ballot Processing: The town will not process absentee ballots early. Ballots will be processed on election day. Katrina has secured ballot clerks for November 7 Referendum Election.
- Katrina and Linda will attend the October 16th De-Escalation Techniques and Threat Reporting and Analysis Training in Waterville.
- The board reviewed the Proposed 2024 State Valuations and reviewed the State Valuations for Franklin County from 2007-2022.

Maintenance Contractors:

- Cemetery fence looks good. Patti will paint the winter fence planters.
- Katrina will ask Kutting Edge to mow the side field prior to winter.

Summer Roads:

- Loader Rental Contract: Waiting for additional quotes.
- Steve Morrill is working on grading Loon Lake Road, Orris Lamb Road, Harold Ross Road, and Dallas Hill Road.
- Katrina will call local options to see who can lay calcium. Using calcium from town garage.
- Ditching on lower Dallas Hill Road across from Blueberry Hill Farms needs attention. Linda will ask Steve Morrill to work on it.
- MDOT has confirmed they will replace the cross culvert located on the upper hill side of Harold Ross Road running under Dallas Hill Road.
- MDOT will place additional speed signs on Dallas Hill Road.

Saddleback Mountain Road:

- Parking: Sandy River has approved the placement of no parking signs on one side of their portion of the Saddleback Mountain Road. The board will continue to discuss how to proceed with parking on the Saddleback Mountain Road.
- Travel Lines: Quotes reviewed. Patti motioned to accept the quote from Lucas Striping. Unanimous approval.

LUPC:

- BP Review: Board reviewed the following.
 - 73 South Cottage Road: Map 14 Lot 2
 - 122 Harold Ross Road: Map 2 Lot 108A
 - Map 4 Lot 31B
- LUPC Office Space: Jennifer will no longer be in the office on Tuesday's. She is willing to come up for a day if she can schedule enough appointments to make the trip worth the drive from Wilton.
- STR: On-going.

- LUPC let the office know they will be moving forward with a violation on Blueberry Lane, Map 004 Lot 31-20.

Maine High Peaks-National Wildlife Refuge: No update, item will be removed until further notice.

Adjourn: Linda motioned to adjourn. Patricia seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.