

Minutes for the Dallas Plantation Meeting

Tuesday October 17, 2023

Public to Speak: None.

Acceptance of Minutes: October 03, 2023, Linda motioned to accept, Mark seconded, unanimous.

Assessing Department: Pam White presented the board with the 2023 Tax Commitment paperwork. Linda motioned to accept the presented 2023 Tax Commitment paperwork; Patricia seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The board signed the Certificate of Assessment. Tax year 2023 mil rate is 7.58, and Pam reported the town has picked up almost 4 million in new property assessment value.

Tax Collector: Sheila reports 10 properties will have liens placed on them if she does not receive payment by Wednesday October 18th. Sheila is going to the Franklin County Registry of Deeds on Thursday October 19th to record liens.

Treasurer: Warrant items reviewed and signed.

- CD's Mature Oct. 2023: Franklin Savings Bank (FSB) offered Dallas Plantation a special rate close to what is being offered through Skowhegan Savings Bank to maintain the town's business. Linda motioned to keep matured FSB CD at FSB. Patricia seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The Board will monitor rates to make the best financial decision for the Skowhegan CD that will mature on October 28th.
- Linda Dexter wrote the board a letter to propose a motion to allow the Tax Collector to bring a blank check, with an authorized signature, to the Franklin County Registry of Deeds for the purpose of paying the filing fees for Liens filed on behalf of the Town of Dallas Plantation. Said check shall not be issued in an amount greater than \$300.00. Linda Motioned to accept as written. Patricia seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

On-Going Business

Town House:

- Salt Contract: The board reviewed the Morton Salt contract for winter 2023. No changes made to the requested 90 tons of salt. Linda signed the contract.
- BRIC Grant: Paul Brown the state road engineer recommended the town start with soil testing of road materials. The town requested a quote from S.W. Cole for Harold Ross Road and Dallas Hill Road. Quote for testing every 500 ft was \$21,000. Linda spoke with Paul who recommended testing every 1000 ft which decreased the original quote to \$16,500. The board will get more quotes and

recommendations before making any decisions. Paul noted in his evaluation that both roads are wider than necessary and should be more crowned to allow for proper drainage. Paul made recommendations that drainage be improved. He noted the pavement on Jim Bubier Hill is in irreparable condition, and both roads will need a minimum of 8-10" of crushed gravel incorporated.

- Taxpayer Letter: Taxpayer letter reviewed. If information can be compiled prior to tax bills being ready for mailing, the board would like to include information on road associations, and road maintenance to ensure emergency services can drive down private roads.
- Katrina will inquire if the Town can keep the road counters for longer.
- Central Maine Power invited town officials to a presentation held in Augusta on Wednesday, Nov. 29th.
- ATV and Snowmobile agent fees for registrations are increasing to \$5.00 on Wednesday October 25th.
- Patricia completed FEMA training IS-100.C.
- Katrina spoke to the Board about a resident request to have their name removed from property tax records and election records. Katrina spoke with multiple agencies regarding the request. Under the Freedom of Access Act (FOAA) property records are public records and cannot be privatized. MMA Legal recommended the residents name could be removed from online records, however, information is required to be disclosed in the permanent records and under a FOAA request. The board agreed to offer the resident records be removed from the town's website. Any further advice needs to be sought by the resident's private lawyer.

Maintenance Contractors: None.

Summer Roads:

- Loader Rental Contract: Patricia and Linda reviewed loader quotes. Patricia motioned to accept a bid. Linda seconded. The accepted bid was withdrawn. The board will look at more options including loan and purchase options.

Saddleback Mountain Road:

- Parking: The board will monitor the parking on the Saddleback Mountain Road this winter. The board agreed to have No Parking Signs and posts on hand to be used only if a need is determined. The board unanimously agreed to have a conversation with James Quimby, General Manager of Saddleback Mountain about the above discussion. Linda will call James.

LUPC:

- BP Review: Board reviewed the following.
 - 164 Harold Ross Road: Map 2 Lot 109-04

- Map 8 Lot 24
- 102 North Cottage Road, Map 14 Lot 42

Executive Session: Linda motioned the board go into executive session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) Personnel Matters to discuss conflict of interest laws. Executive session began at 7:22 PM. No conclusion. Executive session adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Adjourn: Linda motioned to adjourn. Patricia seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.