

Minutes for the Dallas Plantation Meeting

Tuesday November 01, 2023

Public to Speak: None.

Acceptance of Minutes: Addition under executive session to state, “to discuss conflict of interest laws” on 10/17/2023 meeting minutes. Patricia motioned to accept 10/17/23 meeting minutes with change and accept 10/24/23 meeting minutes as written. Linda seconded. Motion carries.

Assessing Department: Pam White presented the board with the Certificate of Settlement. Document reviewed and signed by the Board. Pam presented stats on how the commitment compares to last year.

Tax Collector: Sheila reports one lien has been paid since the meeting held October 17th. Sheila presented the 2023 Application for Municipal Reimbursement for Taxes in Excess of Stabilization. Reviewed and signed.

Treasurer: Warrant items reviewed and signed. The Board reviewed the current CD rates at Franklin Savings Bank (FSB) and Skowhegan Savings Bank (SSB), and the special rate offered through FSB. Patricia motioned to keep matured CD with a value of \$60,642.62 at SSB and deposit into a 7-month CD at a 5% interest rate. Linda seconded. Motion carries. The town has a CD that will mature on 11/10/2023. The board will review rates at the next meeting.

On-Going Business

Town House:

- BRIC Grants: The engineer is requesting a soil gradation test. Patricia motioned to hire SW Cole and Steve Morrill to complete it. Linda Seconded. Motion carries.
- Website:
 - Employment Page: Katrina will remove the office assistant job description and add no open positions at this time.
 - Road Foreman Position: Historically has been an appointed position. The Board is currently not looking to fill.
- Mark Bridges resignation letter reviewed. Resignation stated due to conflict of interest.
- Katrina will review state statues on how Assessor position is to be filled for the next meeting.
- Katrina will speak with Doug Gage about the bottom of the cemetery fence. One side scraped but not bottom of the boards not painted. The Board requested Katrina to let Doug know they are very pleased with the work he completed on

the fence and would be willing to write a letter of recommendation if he ever needs one.

- School Board nomination process reviewed. For future elections the town will furnish nomination papers to candidates.
- David noticed the truck garage furnace needs servicing. Katrina will look at the records to verify its last service date and who completed the service.
- Spare truck drivers. Katrina spoke with 3 residents who have municipal plowing experience and valid CDL's to inquire if they would be willing to be on a list as a reserve plow driver in case the need arises. Two of the three said yes.
- Linda called to go into executive session at the end of the meeting pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) Personnel Matters to discuss pay for the seasonal plow driver.

Winter Roads:

- HOLA: David Douglass, road commissioner for HOLA called to request E-911 street signs and inquired on stop signs. Katrina will order street signs and will let David know the town is not responsible for providing stop signs on private roads.
- Plow Truck: David Duchesne picked up three sets of plow blades for the coming winter season from HP Fairfield. David and Jerald will work together to install.
- Katrina will check with David to see if the trucks need to be inspected.
- Linda asked Katrina to create a file for inspections on the town vehicles.
- Loader
 - Jerald went through the loader with David.
 - Jerald and Steve Morrill recommended the town purchase chains for the loader, and David suggested a better grease gun. Patricia motioned for the town to purchase chains for the loader and a new grease gun. Linda seconded. Motion carries.

Saddleback Mountain Road:

- Recommendations from Maine Municipal Association Legal Department reviewed for consideration of roadside parking on the Saddleback Mountain Road. Patricia motioned to post no parking signs on the Saddleback Mountain Road from Geneva Bog to the Maintenance Garage Road where the Dallas Plantation Line is.
- Katrina will ask Peter Coughlan, Director at Maine Local Roads, and Paul Brown for guidance on distance between signs. Katrina to contact Dig Safe when the town knows where signs are to be placed. Katrina will ask David if he can install signs and will contact Peter Christensen if David needs assistance. Katrina to inform the Franklin County Sheriff's department of the change.
- Board approved signage to state "No Parking. Violators will be towed away at vehicle owners' expense".

LUPC:

- BP Review: Board reviewed the following.
 - 107 The Loop Road, Map 07 Lot 26
 - 92 Orris Lamb Road, Map 02 Lot 89
- Forest Operation Notification
 - Map 1 Lot 2

Executive Session: pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) Personnel Matters to discuss pay for the seasonal plow driver. Executive session began at 7:22 PM. Conclusion was the Seasonal Plow Driver pay will increase to \$25.00 an hour. Executive session adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Adjourn: Linda motioned to adjourn. Patricia seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.