

Minutes for the Dallas Plantation Meeting

Tuesday November 14, 2023

Public to Speak: Elizabeth Flynn and James Quimby: see parking under Saddleback Mountain Road.

Acceptance of Minutes: Patti motioned to accept the November 1 meeting minutes as written. Linda seconded.

Tax Collector: None.

Treasurer: Two CD's maturing in November. One with a balance of \$63,050.59 and the other with a balance of \$713,944.46, the board unanimously voted to place into 6-month CDs at Franklin Savings Bank with a 5% interest rate.

On-Going Business

Town House:

- BRIC Grants: Linda worked with Steve Morrill to take soil samples from Harold Ross Road and Dallas Hill Road. David dropped samples off at S.W. Cole for gradation testing. Results should be available later this week or at the beginning of next week. The car counter data is being processed by the State of Maine and should be available to us later this week. Heather Dumais, with MEMA, reached out to the Plantation regarding our plans to apply for the BRIC grant. Through our conversation we learned the deadline is January 15th.
- Lawyer, Amanda Meader, Notice of Rate Increase: Notice reviewed and signed.
- Personal Property: ME Revenue Service sent a notice that we are required to collect personal property tax. Katrina will let Pam know that we need to work on this for the coming year.
- Spruce Circle; EMS: On-going. Patti will ask Chief Bacon if emergency vehicles have adequate room to enter and exit the road in case of an emergency.
- November 7 Referendum Election: 133 registered voters participated in the election. Email received from elections letting officials know the FBI and USPIS are working on investigating suspicious substances that have been sent to \ election offices in the state of CA, GA, OR, NV, and WA. With reminders on what to do if our office were to receive such a letter.
- Resignation Acceptance: Patricia motioned to accept Mark Bridges resignation letter for his position as Assessor. Linda seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

- Security System/Lock Change: Due to recent vandalism on the plow truck the board decided to change the locks on the truck garage and sand/salt shed. Katrina will order approved locks.

Katrina spoke with Seacoast security to inquire about services. They are scheduled for a site visit on Monday November 20th, and will provide a quote after their inspection.

- Burgess serviced the truck garage heater.
- Katrina spoke with Doug Gage about the cemetery fence. Doug explained the portion not painted had not been painted previously, but said the boards are PT and in good condition. His assumption when taking on the job was that the town did not want that portion painted as the bottom of those posts are close to vegetation and it would be impossible to get a uniform coat of paint on that section. Doug recommended the town purchase caps for the posts due to the tops being concave and water pooling in them. The board approved the purchase of caps.
- Katrina will speak with Mike Koob about getting the loader and plow truck inspected.
- Jerald can install camera's if the board would like to move in that direction. He would need to know if the board wanted to use wireless or wired cameras and how they would like the video to be viewed.
- Jerald inquired on the procedure for when parts need to be ordered. The board would like him to submit to the office what needs to be ordered and the town will order as we are tax exempt.
- Saddleback submitted road names; Lake Pumphouse Road, and Solar Field Lane for two new roads on the property. The board approved the road names. Katrina will order the signs and add the roads to the E-911 database.
- On behalf of Saddleback Mountain, James Quimby extended an invitation to the board of Assessors to attend the grand opening of the Saddleback Staff House on Friday, November 17th.

Winter Roads:

- The board discussed the expectation that the main road be done by 6 AM and by 4:30PM to accommodate the end of the workday commuters.

Saddleback Mountain Road:

- Elizabeth (Beth) Flynn expressed concerns that the no parking ordinance will affect the Cross-Country Ski Center. Beth explained that the XC Ski Center only utilizes roadside parking a handful of times during the winter season. Her main concern is that if roadside parking is not available on those days, they will lose

business indefinitely if a customer were to complete a multi-hour drive and upon arrival at the facility be turned around due to parking being unavailable.

- James Quimby expressed similar concerns and noted that it would mostly affect Saddleback during their seasonal Hill Climb event in the Spring.
- James and Beth both explained how they are running into roadblocks with creating additional parking due to phosphorous credits. Additionally, they do not have time at this stage to come up with an alternative parking plan.
- The board of Assessors would like to add an exception that would allow roadside parking through an approved permit for specific dates. The board will ask lawyer, Amanda Meader, for advice and review of ordinance prior to an official adoption.
- James and Beth requested to receive emailed copies of anything involving the parking ordinance.

LUPC:

- BP Review: Board reviewed the following.
 - Partial Certificate of Compliance for Saddleback Mountain's, the Mountain House.

Adjourn: Linda motioned to adjourn. Patricia seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.