

Minutes for the Dallas Plantation Meeting

Tuesday January 23, 2024

Public to Speak: Elizabeth Flynn; see No Winter Parking Exemption Requests under Winter Roads. Mark Bridges inquired if meeting minutes could be made available sooner. The Board explained meeting minutes are reviewed after the meeting and formally accepted during the following Board meeting, at which point they are posted on the website. It was stated that the Agenda for the meeting was not posted on the website. Katrina noted that it was posted on Monday morning rather than Friday. The matter will be looked into.

Acceptance of Minutes: Patti motioned to accept the January 9 meeting minutes as written. Linda seconded.

Tax Collector: Maine Revenue Service notified the office that initial reimbursement for Property Tax Stabilization program will be 56% of the amount owed. In the meantime, the State is requesting more funding to be approved by Legislature.

Treasurer: Bills reviewed and paid. Convenience fee schedule re-examined to cover processing fees.

Linda Dexter reports there is roughly \$184k appropriated in the Poland Spring account.

On-Going Business

Town House:

- BRIC Grant: Linda and Katrina submitted BRIC grants for Harold Ross Road and Dallas Hill Road. MEMA inquired if we would be submitting for management costs. The board discussed and agreed that documentation for these costs would incur more hours in tracking than the actual work involved. It was agreed to not be cost effective.
Received notification from MEMA that a check for 90% of the reimbursement from winter Storm Elliott should be received in a few weeks.
- Plow Truck Bid: Posted on the website, Maine Municipal Association, the Daily Bulldog, and the Sun Journal. Steve Holston from HP Fairfield is keeping an ear open for anyone looking to purchase. Bids will be opened during the next meeting, February 6.
- NIMs Training: Patti attended the training at the Town of Rangeley. Patti reported it was a great learning experience and thought it would be a good class for Reggie as the Emergency Manager to attend. Noted Dallas Plantation should develop a protocol in case of an emergency. Linda agreed.
- Thank you letter from the RFA: Thank you letter for our donation reviewed.

- Town of Rangeley Contracts & Mutual Aid Agreement: Linda spoke with Rangeley Town Manager, Joe Roach, and requested documentation stating services received through our contracts with the Town of Rangeley. Mutual Aid Agreement discussed between the Town of Rangeley and Dallas Plantation. Would like to develop a formal agreement to borrow equipment and/or department help in an emergency.
- Fire Department Assessment-private Road: On-going.
- Quarterly Town Meeting: Will work with the Town of Rangeley and neighboring Plantations to plan a Quarterly Town Meeting.
- The board would like to send thank you letters to the contractors who submitted bids for the BRIC grant, and to Saddleback Mountain for their parking efforts.
- Discussed creating a small card to go with snowmobile registrations which explains road rules for recreational vehicles. Inquire if the Rangeley Chamber of Commerce would be willing to distribute with registrations.
- SOPHOS cybersecurity installed on all office computers.

Winter Roads:

- Pressure Washer: Reviewed pressure washer options and pricing. Katrina will contact Nick Melcher and inquire about pricing to clear a frozen culvert. The board would like to review options for a pressure washer for washing equipment only.
- Plow Truck Door Decal: The board reviewed the decal and pricing. The board unanimously accepted the quote and design.
- Traffic Speed: Resident concern about speed on Plantation Roads. Questioned the placement of speed signs. Katrina checked with Peter Coughlan, Director of Maine Local Roads Center. Peter confirmed the signs are placed appropriately.
- Winter Parking Exemption Requests
 - January 28- RLTC: Fat Bike Loppet and January 30, with a snow date of January 31 for a middle school Nordic Race at the RLTC. The board unanimously agreed to grant a parking exemption for RLTC on those dates.
- Sand pile and limit sign will be laminated and posted.
- Send a reminder of sand limit to a resident who was seen taking more than what is specified by the sign on the Sand/Salt Shed.

LUPC:

- Notice of Filing an Application:
 - Saddleback: residential community Tiny Homes in Sandy River Plt. Further reviewed for public comment period. Linda met with Matt Dieterich and Kate Williamson from Saddleback Mountain to discuss parking,

phosphorus credits, and tiny home village application. Linda spoke with Audie Arbo from LUPC about phosphorus credits.

Adjourn: Patricia motioned to adjourn. Linda seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.