

Dallas Plantation Assessors Meeting

Tuesday July 23, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

In attendance: Linda Jones, Patricia Ellis, Linda Caspar Assessors; Katrina Gacki, Town Clerk; Pamela (Pam) White, Assessing Agent; Sheila Waldeck, Tax Collector; Linda Dexter, Treasurer; Judith Leadley, Mark Bridges public.

Public to Speak: Sheila Waldeck, Tax Collector reports reminder letter has been mailed to all accounts with an outstanding balance. The board reviewed and signed Order of Municipal Officers Pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. § 906 authorizing Sheila to collect taxes on the oldest outstanding balance.

TRIO continues to request municipalities to switch to their online software. A training and informational session is scheduled in Wilton on August 22nd. Sheila asked if she and LDexter could attend this free session. The board unanimously agreed that both Sheila and LDexter should go.

Acceptance of Minutes: PELLis motioned to accept June 27th, 2024, meeting minutes as written, LJones seconded. LCaspar motioned to accept meeting minutes from July 9th. LJones seconded. Meeting minutes for June 27 and July 9 passed unanimously.

Assessing Department: Pam reports that the supplemental tree growth tax bill has been mailed and recorded in the Plantation archives. Pam has conducted 55 field inspections to date. Homestead, Veteran, and Tree Growth Exemptions have been adjusted due to the certified ratio being voted at 80% at the May 28, 2024, BOA meeting.

Discussion on how property owners can visually identify Pam as the Tax Assessing Agent when viewing property sites. Pam will wear a lanyard and place a sign on her vehicle's dashboard. Additional information will be added to the annual taxpayer letter and on the website.

Personal Property Tax discussed. This will be added as an on-going item to the agenda. Patti will share Lincoln Plantations letter with Dallas Plantation. The Board unanimously agreed to send a letter in the Fall. Pam is attending annual training for Assessing Agents in the next few weeks and will ask further questions. Katrina will ask MMA Legal what options are available to the Plantation to be compliant with State law.

Treasurer:

- Bills reviewed and paid.
- FSB CD Mature: LDexter spoke with Seth Noonkester, Branch Manager at the Rangeley Franklin Savings Bank, about CD rates and what is expected in the future. LDexter

presented the board with a spreadsheet showing current available funds and expenses due until the end of the year recommending that \$210k be moved into the business checking account and the remainder be placed in the 6-month option. PELLIS made a motion to accept LDexter's recommendation and LJONES seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

On-Going Business

Town House:

- Technical Support: High speed internet unavailable from 7/17 until 7/23. Carl Blondell worked with Consolidated Communications to diagnose the problem. The router was no longer working. CBlondell had a spare router that he provided to the office and got the internet working.
- The office will continue to investigate the pricing of Fidium Fiber and the current contract with Consolidated Communications.
- Katrina will inquire why the office still has an old, outdated internet line.
- CBlondell reviewed the current office equipment and noted the Tax Collector's computer will no longer be available for support through Dell beginning in early 2025. The Board unanimously agreed to review replacement options after the tax season.
- Tree Growth Office File: Office file updated with a column that gives the application renewal date to include month, day, and year.
- Katrina requested to attend MMA training in Portland, Maine on Title 21-A. Class is scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2024. The board unanimously approved.

Garage:

- Mouse Control in the Garage: The board reviewed bait trap and spray options. Katrina will follow-up with Bill Elliott to confirm pricing and inquire about a contract.
- Tool Kit for the Garage: Jerald Mulloy provided a list of tools and equipment necessary for operations. Katrina will get more pricing options for the next meeting.

Summer Roads:

- Calcium Purchase: Prices reviewed. The board unanimously agreed to purchase 3 pallets from Paris Farmers Union.
- Private Road Sign Maintenance: Maine Local Roads Commissioner's office and MMA Legal both agreed that legally Private Road signage is the responsibility of owners on the private way. MMA Legal provided samples of other towns who have ordinances in place. Upon further discussion the board agreed that the

Plantation will purchase and place the first sign on a private way. If a replacement sign is required or needs to be reaffixed it will be up to landowners on the private way to replace or reattach the sign.

- LJones noted the Redington Road sign needs to be ordered and replaced.

LUPC:

- Subdivision List: LJones has continued to follow up with LUPC but has not received anything to date.
- Building Permit for Map 5 Portion of Lot 9 reviewed.

Other:

- PELLis became aware of squatters in campers staying on the Redington Road. Katrina will ask Plumbing Inspector, Paul Ferguson-Packard to check on the sites to ensure grey and black water is being properly disposed of.

Adjourn: PELLis motioned to adjourn at 7:23 pm, LJones seconded.