

Dallas Plantation Assessors Meeting

Tuesday October 29, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

In attendance: Linda Jones, Patricia Ellis, Linda Caspar Assessors; Katrina Gacki, Clerk; Pam White, Assessing Agent; Judith Leadley, Mark Bridges, Dorothy Harne public.

Public to Speak:

Mark inquired if the washouts on Bachelder Lane will be addressed before winter. LJones has reviewed all public roads and responded that the washouts will be fixed before winter. Mark asked if the rocks at the end of the driveway on lower Dallas Hill Road had been reviewed. The property owner met with the plow driver and has agreed to move the rocks further from the road.

Acceptance of Minutes: LCaspar motioned to accept October 15th meeting minutes as written, seconded by LJones. Passed unanimously.

Assessing Department: Assessing Agent, Pam White, presented the board with two tree growth recertifications; Saddleback Community Loan Company LLC, and Franklin Timberlands & the Estate of Donald J Breen. Documents reviewed and signed.

The board reviewed and signed supporting documents for the 2024 Real Estate Tax Commitment. Pam asked if the board members would be willing to individually sign the municipal report in the office due to deadline constraints. The board agreed to sign in office.

Treasurer:

- Bills reviewed and paid.
- CD x2345 maturity 10.28.24: Rates reviewed. PEllis motioned to move the CD into a 1-year CD at Franklin Savings Bank with an interest rate of 3.78%. LCaspar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

On-Going Business

Town House:

- Rangeley Winter Maintenance Agreement: reviewed and signed.
- Plowing Saddleback Mountain Road-Sandy River Portion: contract reviewed and signed.
- Property Tax Payments: KGacki requested clarification after the previous meeting. The board unanimously agreed tax payments will be received and

credited to the requested account upon receipt regardless of who is paying the taxes.

- Quarterly Regional Meeting: The Town of Rangeley requested to host at their office. Sandy River Plantation agreed to the January 9th meeting date.
- Clerk Requested time off: Clerk requested to end her workday at 2:30 pm on Thursday October 31st. Posted on website, and will be left as a phone message, and on the office door.
- Seasonal Plow Driver Contract: reviewed and signed.
- The current internet contract through Consolidated Communications ends in December 2024. Treasurer, LDexter researched costs to renew with Consolidated Communications or switch to Fidium Fiber. The board reviewed and agreed to switch to Fidium Fiber. Notice to terminate service agreement with Consolidated Communications reviewed and signed. The office will maintain the fax line through Consolidated Communications since this must run through a copper line.
- LCasper requested to attend a Freedom of Access webinar through Maine Municipal Association. KGacki will sign LCasper up for this training.
- Heaters serviced Monday, October 28th. Technicians cleaned the upstairs heater and recommended the heater run for 30 minutes each week to keep the interior of the unit clean. Office heater was recommended to be replaced next summer since the exhaust is located above the unit, condensation is causing corrosion.

Garage:

- Truck Garage Lights: Mountain Man Electric, Sam Loud provided a quote. The board reviewed. Contract signed with a note to remove sales tax.

Summer Roads:

- Speed Signage: resident comment: PEllis reviewed signage on Lower Dallas Hill Road, and noted there is one speed sign coming back from Saddleback Lake. If no 30 MPH signs are in the garage the office will order 2 or the quantity required for 2 signs to be posted. Office will order 1 40 MPH sign.
- Culverts have been checked. All roads except Orris Lamb and Lyle Road graded.
- Loon Lake Road no parking sign was cut off the post. Will ask DDuchesne to replace.
- The Birch Hill Way cross culvert has lifted on one end and will need to be replaced. Waiting for a response from Maine Local Roads as to who is responsible for maintenance.
- The Office received an email from Maine Emergency Management Agency, and it appears Dallas Plantation has been accepted for the BRIC Grants to complete engineering reports on Lower Dallas Hill Road and Harold Ross Road. This has not been formally announced.

LUPC:

- Subdivision List: No update.
- Regional Code Enforcement: review for January 9th regional meeting.
- Map 1 Lot 2C: request for review and comment discussed. Assumption made in application that the Plantation owns Lower Dallas Hill Road fee-simple. The board agreed that LJones will write a response that states there is no public record to support this claim.

Other: December 24th BOA meeting will be held Monday, December 23rd at 6 PM.

Adjourn: PELLIS motioned to adjourn at 6:51 pm, LCaspar seconded.