

Dallas Plantation Assessors Meeting

Tuesday November 26, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

In attendance: Linda Jones, Patricia Ellis, Linda Caspar Assessors; Katrina Gacki, Clerk; Linda Dexter, Treasurer; Mark Bridges public.

Public to Speak:

Acceptance of Minutes: LCaspar motioned to accept November 12th meeting minutes with the addition of LDexter to “in attendance”, seconded by PELLis. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer:

- Bills reviewed and paid.

On-Going Business

Town House:

- Consolidated/Fidium Internet Update: LDexter has been working to coordinate the connection of Fidium and the disconnection of Consolidated Communications. LDexter has received conflicting information on this process. Consolidated contract ends February 2025. LJones will speak with Sara Davis at Consolidated Communications for clarification.
- Harris Contract/TRIO: LDexter presented options for on-premises and hosted options for TRIO. LJones motioned to accept the on-premises option. Seconded by LCaspar. Unanimously passed. Contract signed and \$2,000.00 discount taken.
- The Tax Collector computer is due to be replaced. LDexter will work with Carl Blondell to purchase computer.
- Franklin County Emergency Management (FCEM): USGS River Gauges: FCEM has submitted a proposal for federal grant funding for two USGS River Gauges. One near the Fairbanks Bridge in Farmington, and the other adjacent to the South Branch of the Carrabassett River near Route 27. Federal funding if approved will cover 75% of the costs. FCEM is asking to cost-share the remaining 25% with municipalities in Franklin County. FCEM inquired if Dallas Plantation would contribute \$866.77 towards the non-federal match. The Board unanimously decided to not respond at this time.
- Franklin County Registry of Deeds Memo: Memo will be posted on the website. Provides basic information on the deed process.

- Office of Community Affairs: MMA magazine provided basic info on the new Community Affairs office which was put into place to provide guidance to small communities looking to obtain grant funding.
- Office Heater: Efficiency Maine Incentive: The board questioned the effectiveness of a heat pump in weather below 30 degrees Fahrenheit. Will pose this question to Efficiency Maine. CG Heat Pumps LLC is working on a quote. Will receive quotes from at least two other companies.
- Local Government Forum: LCaspar and LJones attended forum in Farmington. Topics included dog licensing, personal property tax, policing concerns, Land Use Planning Commission, and affordable housing.

Garage:

- No update.

Winter Roads:

- Bachelder Lane Update: LJones and DDuchesne drove the road and noted no washouts until the end of the road. DDuchesne will fill in where needed.
- Alternate Plow Driver: Craig Knapp has been asked to work as an alternate plow driver or additional plow driver depending on Plantation and storm needs. CKnapp will provide the office with a copy of credentials and complete employment paperwork. Upon completion, DDuchesne and CKnapp will schedule a time to drive the route.

LUPC:

- Subdivision List: No response/update.
- Concerns about lack of enforcement around Gull Pond. Residents have noticed a property owner used fill to extend their land, in doing so a wet area where cat tails used to grow was covered.
- Camp Waya Awi Road residents have noted increased construction in the area with the absence of posted building permits. The Plantation continues to share these concerns with LUPC so they can follow up with property owners.

Other: None.

Adjourn: LCaspar motioned to adjourn at 6:56 pm, LJones seconded.