

Dallas Plantation Assessors Meeting

Monday December 23, 2024

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

In attendance: Linda Jones, Linda Caspar Assessors; Katrina Gacki, Clerk; Mark Bridges, Matt Dieterich public.

Public to Speak:

Matt Dieterich, CEO of Saddleback provided the board with several updates. Saddleback has added parking and staff for parking maintenance this season. Saddleback is not moving forward with Alpine Village. Matt notes this is in response to how the process has gone thus far working with LUPC.

LJones will discuss and create a plan with Sandy River Plantation for who Saddleback should call should the Sandy River portion of the Saddleback Mountain Road need maintenance after hours or on weekends. Dallas Plantation is contracted through Sandy River Plantation to maintain this section of road for the 24/25 season.

Acceptance of Minutes: LCaspar motioned to accept the December 10th meeting as written, seconded by LJones. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer:

- Bills reviewed and paid.
- Paid Family Medical Leave Program (PFMLP): Treasurer, LDexter provided the board with options for the mandated PFMLP. Required to pay 0.5% of wages beginning 1/1/2025 to prefund the program which will begin 1/1/2026. The board reviewed options and LJones motioned for the Plantation to pay the entire 0.5%, seconded by LCaspar. This amounts roughly to \$646.70 a year, based on payroll numbers from Article 14 of the 2024/25 Annual Town Warrant.
- KGacki will research how this program works in tandem with sick leave accrued by employees who receive sick leave from the Plantation per the Plantations employee personnel manual.

On-Going Business

Town House:

- BRIC Grant Application Acceptance: Dallas Plantation has been awarded BRIC Grant funding through FEMA. Which will cover 75% of the engineering costs to create a plan to rebuild Harold Ross Road and lower Dallas Hill Road. The

Plantation will then apply for additional grants for the road work to be completed.

- Real Estate Tax Collection Update: Tax Collector, SWaldeck reports roughly 87% of taxes have been collected.
- Agenda items for 1/9/25 Quarterly Regional Meeting: Proposed items reviewed. Will ask Rangeley to add Emergency Communications to the agenda. The meeting is being held on Thursday, 1/9/25 at 6 PM, at the Town of Rangeley office.
- FCEM; USGS River Gauge Update: FCEM team has asked municipalities to table their request. They are waiting for the new board of commissioners to take office, and plan to ask for funding at the county level.
- Thank you-Donations: Thank you letters received from Rangeley Friends of the Arts, HealthReach, and Maine Public for donations provided during the 24/25 FY.
- Office Closure: The office will be closed, Thursday, December 26th.
- Internet/phone update: Fidium has been installed for internet, phone, and fax at the office.

Garage:

- No update.

Winter Roads:

- DDuchesne has driven the roads with alternate plow driver CKnapp.

LUPC:

- Short Term Rental Regulation: Commission made the decision that property owners of Short-Term Rentals will self-register.

Other: None

Executive Session: Personnel Matters 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) to discuss Road Forman position. Postponed until the full board is present.

Adjourn: LCaspar motioned to adjourn at 6:44 pm, LJones seconded.