

Dallas Plantation Assessors Meeting

Tuesday March 17, 2026

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

Public to Speak: MBridges noted water running across the road near 122 Harold Ross Road and a blocked culvert. LJones drove all roads earlier that day and has a list of problem areas and a plan moving forward.

Acceptance of Minutes: LCaspar motioned to accept March 3rd meeting minutes as written. Seconded by LJones, motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer:

- Bills reviewed and paid.

Saddleback: Matt Dietrich: Matt expressed Saddleback's plan to apply for grant funding for a remote fire station on Saddleback. The location would likely be in Dallas Plantation. Matt inquired if the Board would be willing to write a letter in support of this project. The grant would cover 80% of construction costs and Saddleback would cover the other 20%. Operational costs would be a municipal matter. The BOA discussed and unanimously agreed not to write a letter in support at this time as they would like a regional conversation first.

On-Going Business

Town House

- **RSU #78 Collaboration with Strong SAU:** RSU #78 discussed collaborating with Strong to negotiate the acceptance of high school students under a tuition agreement. Tuition amount is set by the State of Maine. The Rangeley School Board tabled the item during their March 10th meeting with a request for additional information and written language of agreement. RTanner noted Strong has since communicated plans to move forward with their application without RSU #78 noted as a tuition option.
- **RSU #78 Preliminary Budget Local Allocation for FY 26/27:** The preliminary amount for Dallas Plantation is \$943,351.63. The overall RSU 78 Budget would increase 3.39% if passed as written. The driving factor in the increase of the Dallas Plantation portion is due to additional students attending from our municipality.
- **ME Local Roads Center- Salt Bid:** BOA unanimously agreed to participate in the bid. This allows the Plantation to receive a price option from the State and is not a binding agreement.
- **Annual Town Meeting:** Due to timing constraints of mailing the voter opportunity post cards for Spring voting events the BOA set the Annual Town

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Meeting date for June 12, 2026. KGacki will draft the post cards for Board review and approval.

- Engineering Update: LJones provided an update on the progress and option to split the Dallas Hill Road project into two separate phases; the paved and gravel section. BOA discussed and unanimously agreed to ask the engineering firm to present Dallas Hill Road as two distinct projects identified by the paved, and gravel sections. The engineering firm is ready to begin identifying grant opportunities.
- Property & Casualty Pool Update: MMA Risk Management provided explanation of blanket coverage. The three Plantation buildings provide roughly 1 million dollars in insurance coverage. Due to blanket coverage the Plantation is covered at the total value, and individual building values do not restrict coverage to that amount.

Permits

- Forestry Operations Notice – Old County Road: Reviewed.
- DP 4131-OO, Mountain Brook II Subdivision: Reviewed, Matt Dietrich confirmed 8 of the 38 units will be in Dallas Plantation. LJones signed LUPC Review Request stating *No Comment*.

Other:

- KGacki is required to attend CVR2 training, this is an upgraded platform the State uses for voter records and attendance is mandatory. KGacki expressed interest in a full day training session opposed to split training sessions. BOA reviewed and identified Tuesday, March 24th as a good option.

Adjourn: LCaspar motioned to adjourn at 7:19 pm seconded by LJones.