

Dallas Plantation Assessors Meeting

Tuesday July 21, 2026

In attendance: Linda Jones, Linda Caspar, Sarita Noonkester Assessors; Katrina Gacki, Clerk; Sheila Waldeck, Tax Collector; Linda Dexter, Treasurer; Judith Leadley, Mark Bridges public.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Public to Speak: MBridges inquired what road works are scheduled for lower Dallas Hill Road stating sections of washboard. LJones drove the road earlier that day and explained the delay in maintenance is due to multiple factors. There was a significant wait time on parts needed to reattach the blade on the loader due to vendor low inventory and road maintenance is a contracted service. An additional grading is on the contractor's schedule and will be completed as soon as they are available.

MBridges noted the sign at the beginning of the Saddleback Mountain Road is down. LJones and PChristensen drove the sign into the ground earlier this season although LJones noted the ground material at the location is very fine and the sign may be better suited placed in a location with better suited material. Currently the Plantation does not have staff to drive the sign into the ground.

Acceptance of July 07, 2026, Minutes: LCaspar motioned to accept meeting minutes as written. SNoonkester seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

Treasurer:

- Bills reviewed and paid.
- LDexter provided the board with a profit and loss statement for fiscal year 25/26. The fiscal year 24/25 audit was received and is available for inspection upon request.
- Franklin Savings Bank is offering CDARS renewal for a 26-week term at 3.2 %. LJones motioned to accept the offered term and rate, seconded by LCaspar. Motion carries unanimously.

Tax Collector:

- SWaldeck reports second notices have been mailed for 2025 tax year and provided a list of names and amounts owed for review.
- Dish Network mailed bankruptcy notification to the Plantation. This does not affect the Plantation as we do not collect personal property taxes.
- Map 2 Lot 111B –notice received that the estate is in probate and Dallas Plantation is on the list of creditors. SWaldeck reached out to MMA legal requesting verification on if the Plantation must file a claim. MMA legal response was to seek counsel from the Plantations attorney. From previous MMA workshops attended by SWaldeck, she explained property tax takes precedence on the list of creditors. Also, if or when the property transfers ownership the title search would show outstanding taxes if unpaid.

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On-Going Business

Town House

- Communications and public outreach: SNoonkester spoke with Sandy River Plantation Clerk, Ethna Thompson on the multitude of options they provide customers to access Plantation information and important dates. Ethna provided Sandy River Plantations list of options to stay informed, and states her office utilizes a paid subscription to Canva to create content. SNoonkester further researched Nextdoor and reported how the platform functions to provide information to those who opt in and are within the designated boundary lines. SNoonkester uses Remind in her job at Rangeley Lakes Regional School and can attest to its quirks. Facebook was reported to be the most actively utilized source for information. SNoonkester and KGacki will work together to create a Facebook page for BOA review at the next meeting.

Garages

- Air Compressor: options through ACE reviewed. LCaspar motioned to approve purchase of the 20 gal option with accessory kit, seconded by SNoonkester. Purchase will be shipped to the Rangeley Lakes Builder Supply for local pickup bypassing shipping fees.

Roads

- LRAP: MaineDOT Local Roads Assistance Program FY 26/27 document reviewed, completed and signed.
- LJones and KGacki submitted BRIC Grant applications for Harold Ross Road and Dallas Hill Road. Applications have been submitted by Maine Emergency Management Agency for review at the national level.

Permits

- Plumbing Report 2026 Quarter 2
 - Report reviewed. One permit was issued to 1 Deer Run.

Other:

- On July 10th a fleet registration was completed. The following week the owner sold one of the vehicles and inquired if they could receive reimbursement on the excise tax. The BOA discussed and it was commented that this situation occurred the previous year by a different registrant, and the board did not grant the reimbursement request. BOA unanimously agreed to not issue reimbursement

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as a precedent had been set in the previous request. If the owner purchases a new vehicle, they can opt to take a transfer credit from this registration.

- KGacki received notification from the Maine Bureau of Motor Vehicles that certain plates distributed during the Pine Tree and No Tree plate issuance now need to be returned to either the main office or a branch location by August 21st. BOA directed KGacki to inquire if return by mail is an option. If not SWaldeck and LDexter offered to drop off the plates.

Adjourn: LJones motioned to adjourn at 6:38 pm seconded by LCaspar.