

Dallas Plantation Assessors Meeting

Tuesday September 15, 2026

In attendance: Linda Jones, Linda Caspar, and Sarita Noonkester, Assessors; Katrina Gacki, Clerk; Judith Leadley, public.

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

Public to Speak: JLeadley noted the fence around the Stuart-Green-Bubier Cemetery is falling in. LJones has been monitoring the fence and actively working towards repairs by obtaining plan details from the Franklin County Registry of Deeds to determine dimensions and ownership boundaries. The boundaries are roughly 45 square feet. In addition, LJones has brainstormed alternative markers such as granite posts with chains which would have more longevity compared to a wooden fence. The board asks either Justin Quimby or James Carignan are asked to inspect current conditions including dead trees that need to be cleared. LJones will meet with contractors to discuss cemetery needs.

Acceptance of September 1, 2026, Minutes: LCaspar motioned to accept meeting minutes as written. SNoonkester seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer:

- Bills reviewed and paid.

On-Going Business

Town House

- Adoption of updated General Assistance values: LCaspar motions new values are adopted as outlined by the Department of Health and Human Services, seconded by LJones. Motion carried unanimously. The board signed ordinance and value adoption. Fuel assistance and heating prices discussed. The board asks the clerk to have assistance information on hand for anticipated heat assistance inquiries.
- Technology Review for Remote BOA Meetings: CBlondell provided two options for laptops and a camera/speaker. The BOA discussed and SNoonkester motioned the Plantation purchase the 2026 HP laptop and Logitech camera/speaker, seconded by LCaspar. Motion carried unanimously. The BOA discussed zoom options and unanimously agreed to utilize the free version, and they will re-visit if necessary. Discussion included funds provided by Poland Springs each year, and that this would be a good use of those funds. The system can also be utilized for other remote meetings; rather than squeezing into the office space the conference room can be used with this setup. Providing normal working conditions for other employees in the office space. Also, KGacki can use the laptop to work on projects during elections when her presence is required at the polls.

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- Recap of the Regional Quarterly Meeting held September 8th: BOA discussed the meeting and expressed optimism that there is traction with the funding formula for Fire services through the Town of Rangeley. Housing unit values will be provided to Rangeley by October 13th. This deadline has been relayed to Tax Collector, Sheila Waldeck.
- Tabulator and Accessibly Voting System Update: User agreement has been signed and submitted to the Secretary of State's office. MMA Insurance provided increased insurance for machines at roughly \$52 a year. The fee is waived for the current fiscal year. The discussion included comments that even with insurance, the machines will decrease the overall budget due to less staff being required to count ballots and reduced clerk hours.

Roads

- Road Update: Compliments on road conditions have been received at the office. LJones and RHammond straightened road signs and cut back brush and tree limbs. One sign needs to be replaced. JCarignan will be asked to add a small amount of gravel to Bachelder Lane. LJones reports all roads are in good condition.
- Maine Local Road Training Opportunities: BOA would like to extend the Snow and Ice Workshop to Seasonal Plow Driver, DDuchesne and backup plow driver, CKnapp.

LUPC

- Notice of Filing: 4 lot subdivision Map 2 Lot 24: KGacki spoke with AArbo, Permitting and Compliance Manager, Land Use Planning Commission about the office not receiving notification. AArbo investigated and found that the letter was sent to the physical address and presumed to be returned by the local post office. The Plantation mailing address was updated by the firm, and the office was provided with a copy of notice. The BOA asked KGacki to request a link to the plans.

Other:

- Wednesday Library volunteer opportunity at RLRS: KGacki inquired if the board would be amenable to an adjustment in clerk's lunch hour on Wednesdays to volunteer at RLRS during son's library time. LJones motioned to approve adjusted time on Wednesday's, seconded by LCaspar. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn: LCaspar motioned to adjourn at 6:47 pm seconded by LJones.