

Town of Dallas Plantation
Board of Assessors meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 19, 2020

Assessors Present: Linda Jones, Patricia Ellis, Mark Bridges

Staff Present: David Schinas

Public Present: Darryl Sterling-by phone

Call to order: Linda Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

Public to Speak: Darryl Sterling: Spoke at the Assessors meeting by phone and said that he is continuing to work on the two Road Grants for Saddleback Mountain Road. We are waiting on a review of the DOT draft letter which is imminent. The Northern Borders Regional Commission grant application deadline is June 1st requiring input from a number of sources who should all be responding in the coming days. The NBRC requires one lead signature on behalf of the Dallas Plantation, Sandy River and Arctaris joint project. He hopes to complete both grant requests within the next week. The Assessors voted to have Dallas Plantation take the lead for the grants and also authorized Linda Jones to be the authorized signer for the NBRC grant application. Wright Pierce would like to use aerial imaging of the site work plan at a cost of \$10,450 to be equitably split between all parties. Linda noted that Franklin County had been aerial surveyed and would contact the Maine Local Roads Commissioner to ask if the information was in a useable format for this purpose. She will get an answer and respond ASAP. Linda asked for a reference as to when approval or denial of the grant application might be expected. Darryl indicated that an August 1 response time is most likely. The outlined project dates for the grants will be a start date of October 1, 2020 with an end date of September 30, 2022 to allow for unforeseeable delays by findings or weather. Confirmation of reimbursable grant application and maintenance expenses will be requested by Darryl to clarify proceedings. Saddleback/Arctaris will be transporting heavy equipment up Saddleback Mountain Road this summer and wanted to coordinate with the Plantation in light of maintenance road works. David Schinas will get in touch with Jim Quimby regarding their schedule.

Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes from the May 5, 2020 Meeting

Motion to accept as written: Patricia Ellis **Second** Mark Bridges **Decision** 3-0

Tax Collector Report: N/A

Treasurer: Bills were reviewed and the warrant signed.

Ongoing Business:

Town House: Peter Christensen will install plexiglass in the Townhouse on Monday May, 24, 2020. Peter will also take a look at the Sand and Salt Shed which is in need of some repairs. The front of the Townhouse needs to be graded for drainage. David Schinas will contact George Poland regarding the installation of the generator and future site work as well as Dead River. David Schinas continues to do all business through the mail, no issues. The Annual Town Meeting has been delayed until further notice under state mandate for public gatherings.

Summer Roads: Linda Jones reported a washout at a culvert on Harold Ross Road. Mark Bridges will look into fixing the problem that seems to be repositioning an older but still useable culvert. Linda also pointed out that a number of signs need to be straightened out and Lyle Road sign needs to be installed once we get new sign posts which are on order.

Road Projects: See public to speak

Winter Salt: The Salt was delivered on Monday May 18, 2020

Reopening Plan: Once the plexiglass is installed in the Town Office, and we have enough personal protection, as recommended by our LHO and CDC guidelines, the office will reopen with one customer at a time policy.

New Business

Interest Rates: Interest rates for our checking and Savings Account have gone from 1.75% to 1.00%.

Memorial Day: Office will be closed for the holiday

David Schinas: Requested the afternoon of May 22, 2020 off. Assessors approved afternoon off.

Library: Barbara Burgess had contacted Linda by phone to let us know that the Library had received a PPE Grant and would be reducing their donation request as they felt it was the right thing to do. A formal letter will be sent to verify the reduction.

Cemetery: Linda Jones reported that a tree is leaning over the cemetery fence. Peter Christensen will look into the issue. Pati asked that all the cemeteries be attended to especially before Memorial Day.

Meeting: Next Assessors meeting is Tuesday June 2, 2020

Motion: Linda Jones to adjourn

Second: Mark Bridges

Decision: 3-0

Action: Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM

Minutes: Taken by David Schinas