Assessors Meeting
January 14, 2026
Assessors present: Danial Barker
Bob Farrar
John Dodson
Deanna Caron, Treasurer
Susan Howe, Tax Collector

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Bob motioned to accept the minutes as presented. John 2nd. All in Favor.

Written Communications: Mary presented letter from Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry regarding Land Use Planning Commission. There are changes to short term rentals. Effective January 12, 2026 owners must notify the LUPC of the rental. Assessors requested it be posted in the Town office. Mary presented and gave donation requests to Deanna for Stratton Food Pantry and Maine EMS. Deanna will put them with the budget information.

Budget Discussion: February we will go over budget. Bob offered to go over last year's warrant and make any changes that need to be made.

Map 7 Lot 43: Dan and Bob met together to go over this Coplin land. Dan brought to the attention of the Assessors that they need to make a decision regarding this lot. Someone wants to buy it. Bob offered to type up a letter to abutting property owners to see if there are any concerns of theirs selling the land.

Treasurer/Warrants: Deanna gave Assessors warrants to sign. Also, she is dealing with Trio with end of year issues. Deanna is working on getting all the information that the Auditor is requesting.

Tax Collector – Foreclosure Update: Sue advised that we have a resident, Map /Lot: 002-004-008, that have not paid their taxes since 2022. The Town had foreclosed for 2022 taxes as of 2024. Resident has not picked up any certified mail at the post office that Sue sent from the town. They did get a copy of their tax bill because it was never returned. Resident will need to pay full amount of taxes thru 2025 if they want to pay their taxes. Property will be foreclosed again on January 17, 2026. Dan will speak to MMA to see what steps the Town needs to take since the owner still lives in house. Sue printed a list of unpaid taxes for 2025 which totals approximately $41,000. That is usually the average each year and is about 34 accounts.

Open Kennebago Road Bids: Absolut was the only bid that we received for Kennebago Road. Bob motioned to accept the bid from Absolut pending the Town Meeting approval. Dan 2nd. All in favor.

Other: Bob inquired if the town wanted to dedicate the Annual Town Book to a resident. Dan suggested Michael Sheridan since he has done so much for the community and was also a prior assessor. The Assessors decided to dedicate the Annual Town book to Michael Sheridan.

Dan stated he will be doing the State Valuation with Mike Rogers and Kyle Fletcher on January 20, 2026. Dan will deliver the remaining 911 address signs that are still at the office. John stated that he ordered some new 911 signs.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: Dan made a motion to adjourn, Bob 2nd. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Donoghue

Mary Donoghue, Town Clerk