

Assessor Meeting

June 14, 2023

Assessors present: Danial Barker

Robert Farrar

Ben DeFrosia

Sue Howe, Treasurer/tax collector

Joanne Bean, Town Clerk

Guests: Bob Carlton

Linda Lowell

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Bob made a motion to accept minutes as read. Dan 2nd. All approved.

Guest Speaker: Bob Carlton. Bob is a member, along with several other local people, who are trying to keep up 400,000 acres of land controlled at the local level. Portions of the 400,000 acres are already controlled locally and is done well. There will be a question-and-answer meeting with Paul Casey from Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, for local people, held on June 28, 2023 at The Sugarloaf Hotel from 4-6 p.m. The goal is to have a letter written to Paul Casey listing all of the reasons we don't want this to happen, the fear being that it could result in a threat to our local economy.

School Budget: The School budget for 2023-2024 was reviewed by the Assessors. Sue brought up the fact that the tuition amounts for this coming year are the same as last year, and they should be about \$2,000.00 less per student. The state says tuition should be no more than \$16,811.14/student and the School Board has requested \$18,978.93/student. The assessors agreed to sign the warrant with the possibility of an amendment. Linda offered to get in touch with everyone involved with the budget in order to have all information ready for the Special Town Meeting on Monday, June 26th. Bob commended the School Board their hard work.

Written Communications: None

Cyber Policy: This is a policy that MMA wants all towns to adopt. It deals with who can access the business part of the town records. All employees of

the town must read and sign this policy. Bob moved that we accept the Acceptable Use Agreement. Dan 2nd. All approved.

Treasurer/Tax Collector: Sue stated that Deanna Caron would like to take on the Treasurer's position. She also added that she would be sending out tax liens this week.

Warrants: Warrants were presented by Sue, reviewed and signed by the Assessors.

Other: Joanne stated that Kim Merrill is interested in taking on the Deputy Clerks position. A meeting has been set up to interview her on June 21st at 2 p.m. Dan stated that after reviewing the information that LURP had sent in on 30 Kennebago Rd., that he and another Assessor would be revisiting to discuss their business permit. Dan said that while a business in the area is a good thing, we need to make sure permits are in place. Dan also stated that a reevaluation needs to be done for properties in Coplin plantation and put in the warrant for the coming year.

Adjourn: Dan made a motion to adjourn, Ben 2nd. All approved. Meeting adjourned 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Bean, Clerk