

Assessor Meeting

January 10, 2024

Assessors present: Daniel Barker

Bob Farrar

Sue Howe, Treasurer/Tax Collector

Joanne Bean, Town Clerk

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

**Approval of Minutes:** Bob motioned to approve minutes as read. Dan 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

**Written Communications:** Joanne presented the Maine Public Safety Form and filled out the required information. This will be sent to the Regional Communications Center in Augusta. Also presented to the Assessors was the invoice for the Northstar Ambulance Service along with their spread sheet for 2024.

**Treasurer/Tax Collector:** Sue stated that she has received the invoices from Absolut and James Lowell for the storm damage from December 18, 2023. She will journal them to 2023, but they will be paid in 2024. Bob suggested we wait until the Annual Town Meeting in March. He will write up an article for the Warrant. Sue discussed only raising the first half of County taxes with the second half of 2024 and the first half of 2025 being raised.

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

**Other:** Bob stated that he has met with Donna, Deputy Clerk, Sue, Treasurer/Tax Collector, and Joanne, Town Clerk. He stated that all meetings were positive. Donna stated that she is enjoying the work she has been doing on property tax cards. Donna would also like to cut down on her hours, but still stay involved with the town office. Sue would like to stay on as Tax Collector, but give up the Treasurers position. Deanna Caron has expressed an interest in the position and Sue would be willing to train her. Joanne has indicated that she will not renew her position as Town Clerk come March of 2025. Bob asked her if she might continue until Spring of

2025 and Joanne is considering it. Bob and Sue also stated that all part-time employees would receive the is rate of pay per hour for their positions.

Dan stated that he and Andy, of Absolut Services were able to view damage to the roads and talk to James Lowell regarding Kennebago Road. He has sent pictures and all necessary information to FEMA. He does not know how long it will take to receive funds to cover the storm damage repairs.

Sue stated that she needs a bigger modem or another server as her computer is the server right now and she is starting to have issues with some things. Dan has his new computer up and running and the second computer for the front deck is being readied.

**Executive Session:** None

**Adjourn:** Bob made a motion to adjourn, Dan 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved. Meeting adjourned 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Bean, Clerk