Assessors Meeting Coplin Plantation
September 9, 2026
Assessors present: Danial Barker
Bob Farrar
John Dodson
Deputy Clerk: Robin Cottle

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

Approval of Minutes: Bob motioned to approve August 12, 2026 minutes as presented. Dan 2nd. All in Favor.

Written Communications: Mary presented letter for Tree Growth Roster. Dan will work on this roster. Also, received a "Thank you" from Joanne Bean from the School House Historical Society. Received email from LUPC regarding SP4103 Loaf Land Subdivision public hearing/site visit. The site visit and public hearing are scheduled for October 13, 2026. Mary will send email to Tim Carr requesting that the Assessors be able to speak/ask questions at the public hearing. We posted public hearing information on website, in Kiosk, in office and at Stratton Post Office.

Appointment of a Public Info Access Officer: Bob motioned to appoint Plantation Clerk Mary Donoghue as Public Info Access Officer. John 2nd. All in favor. Read and signed Oath of Office. Signed by Robert Farrar.

Vote to accept 2025 Annual Audit Report from Maine Municipal Auditing: Received letter from Mindy Cyr regarding findings of the audit for Coplin Plantation for the year ending December 31, 2025. Made copy for Bob to read over. Bob asked Mindy some questions regarding the audit. Mindy answered and will change three items that Bob questioned her about. Not that the numbers were wrong but she will make some wording changes. Bob motioned to accept the 2025 Annual Audit. John 2nd. All in favor.

Treasurer/Warrants: Deanna wasn't present at the meeting. Mary presented warrants for Deanna. Once we get some tax checks Deanna will be paying Assessors, School Board and Paul White's last half of check.

Tax Collector: Mary stated we received a bunch of tax payments since sending out bills. She received a few checks from 2025 taxes. Mary presented abatements that needed to be signed by Assessors regarding 2 Homestead exemptions that were mistakenly not entered into Trio before taxes were committed. Assessors approved abatements and signed. Mary presented a Quit Claim deed for Map/Lot 002-004-008 for Assessors to sign and needs to be dropped off at Registry of Deeds. Also Susan Black from Registry of Deeds informed us to supply a Transfer Tax declaration even though no transfer tax amount owed. Dan will drop off Quit Claim Deed and Liens on Tuesday, September 15, 2026. Mary brought

up a question regarding doing a Quit Claim Deed. If we had an attorney write it up, it would cost the Plantation hundreds of dollars. Since we aren't using an attorney, can the office charge the resident a fee to do the Quit Claim deed? Mary will inquire if other offices charge for this. Bob stated that since we do not have policy for this, he doesn't feel we can charge this time. Dan and Bob suggested adopting a policy for the future after we see what other municipalities/towns have in place for this situation.

Other: As per Dan's request, Robin contacted 4 different places to get quotes for replacing our Municipality sign out in front of the office. Assessors looked at all quotes and Bob motioned to purchase the sign from M&H Signs which quoted $691 if we picked up sign. The Plantation doesn't have anything in the budget for this purchase this year, Assessors will decide where to take the funds out of to pay for the sign. John 2nd. All in favor. Mary received a call from a company wanting to know if we were interested in setting up an account where we can send text messages to residents in the town, Assessors were not interested in setting this up. Dan received a new street sign for Cartulo Road, Dan and John put up the sign. Also Dan fixed the sign for Hunter Hill Road temporarily but will order a new street sign. Andy Brann will start within the next few days fixing Mountain Road where it comes onto Porcupine Trail because the ditch is full and he will put it on the other side of the road since it drops off on that side. Andy quoted him approximately $2500-$3000. The 2 culverts that feed that ditch are clogged. Dan got in touch with the Eustis Fire Department and they are going to blast it out with water. Dan asked what the cost would be and they said no charge. Dan offered to make a donation to the Eustis Fire Dept. Sprague said it wasn't necessary but that that we could if we wanted to. Robin brought up that our vault was getting full and by law we are required to have certain records locked up. She suggested seeing if we could get something else. She will inquired if the Maine Surplus has any. Bob suggested if we couldn't get one at the Maine Surplus maybe we can see if we can get funding at the next Town meeting in March of next year. John stated that he fixed the address for Map/lot 003-007 with google and they would make it impassable and it would reroute through Sargent Ave so that they can go directly to that address. Bob inquired if anyone was going to do the walk through with LUPC for the site visit. Dan said he would definitely be there. Bob stated that at the public hearing, our Municipality will remain neutral but that we did want to voice our concerns regarding the LUPC having a third party as the inspectors not LUPC.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: Bob made a motion to adjourn, Dan 2nd. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Donoghue, Town Clerk