

Assessor Meeting

August 9 , 2023

Assessors present: Danial Barker

Robert Farrar

Ben DeFrosia

Sue Howe, Treasurer/tax collector

Joanne Bean, Town Clerk

Guests: Michael Deus

Steve St. Jean

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

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

Liquor License Spillover Motel: Assessors read and reviewed the paperwork presented by Michael Deus for the Spillover Motel. The Vikings for Vets date has been moved to September 9th. Bob made a motion to accept the new date for Vikings for Vets and the Spillover liquor and catering license. Ben 2nd. All approved.

High peaks discussion and Support: Steve St. Jean attended the meeting to discuss opposition or support for the IF & Wildlife proposal. He stated that Phillips, Avon, Eustis, Wilton, and Kingfield have voted to oppose the proposal, while Carrabassett has voted to stay neutral. Steve stated that there will be no official vote, but that a letter of support from the town would be helpful. Bob, dan, and Ben are in full support to add Coplin Plantation to the opposition list. Dan motioned to add Coplin Plantation to the opposition list. Bob 2nd. All in favor.

Written Communications: None

Treasurer/Tax Collector: Sue stated she has worked up a preliminary tax using the maximum rate of 9.5%. The school Budget went down this year and she doesn't think we will have to use any surplus this coming year. She also stated that we are no longer valued at 100%.She was wondering if this tax rate applies to tree growth property and has a call into Mike to answer

that question. The Senior Stabilization will not happen as our rate went down. She stated that Donna worked hard to update all new owners. Dan also stated that Donna has been very helpful. Sue also stated that nothing yet has been done on personal property. Dan offered to help Sue work on those. Sue stated that MMA gave a dividend of \$233 for Property Casualty Workmen's Comp Bob thanked Sue for work well done. Bob made a motion not to use any undesignated Fund Balance (Surplus) to reduce the 2024 tax commitment. Dan 2nd. All approved. Bob made a motion to tentatively approve a tax rate of 9.52% subject to further analysis. Dan 2nd. All approved.

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

Other: Joanne stated that Dan had called her to asking why the Agenda for the August 9th, Assessors meeting, was not posted on the Coplin Plantation website. Joanne said she was unsure of what to do as it sometimes changes up to and including the day of the Assessors meeting. It was decided to post the agenda one week prior to the Assessors meeting. If anything needed to be added after that week it would go under Other, unless it deemed necessary to place on the agenda the following monthly meeting.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: Dan made a motion to adjourn, Bob 2nd. All approved. Meeting adjourned 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Bean, Clerk