

Assessor Meeting

October 11, 2023

Assessors present: Danial Barker

Robert Farrar

Ben DeFrosia

Sue Howe, Treasurer/Tax Collector

Joanne Bean, Town Clerk

Guests: Stacy Benjamin, Chief Planner LUPC

Rachael Hauber and Jennifer Larson, Environmental Specialist II

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

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

Written Communications: None.

Workshop with LUPC: Bob thanked the ladies for coming up and doing the workshop with us. Rachael does non-residential permits and zoning. Jennifer does residential. Stacy stated that their biggest problem right now is personnel turnover. She said last year they hired a full-time enforcement officer. The Commission is a 3-year term and that they have the authority to make rules. They meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month. LUPC enforcement is complaint driven. Stacy explained the zoning process and the ladies answered numerous questions. Stacey gave us many pamphlets, which will help our residents better deal with LUPC.

Treasurer/Tax Collector: Sue stated that we had a large CD mature, which she was able to rollover to an eight-month CD at 5.63%. She stated that the road budget is now over budget and that we will need to have a special Town Meeting for the overage. Bob stated that it will be decided at the November Assessors Meeting. Sue stated that Dan and herself, went to Savage Road off of Kennebago Road, where the two lots property taxes were accidentally flipped to the wrong owners. She stated that we will need to do an abatement on both properties and supplement as needed. She is waiting to receive the new Tax Collectors Manual before having more discussions with the two property owners. Sue stated that most property taxes have been paid. She also paid bills for our TRIO programs and they were less than she had expected.

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

Other: Dan stated that Absolut was going to be doing a lot of work on Clifford's driveway to eliminate damage done from their driveway onto Appalachian Road.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: Bob made a motion to adjourn, Ben 2nd. All approved. Meeting adjourned 8:16 p.m. p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Bean, Clerk