

Assessors Meeting

June 11, 2025

Assessors present: Danial Barker

John Dodson

Bob Farrar

Deanna Caron, Treasurer

Sue Howe, Tax Collector

Guest: Linda Lowell

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

Approval of Minutes: Bob motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Danial 2nd. All in Favor.

Written Communications: Danial recommended opening bids for Stratton Brook Road under written communications since it wasn't on agenda. Mary presented 4 bids for Stratton Brook Road. 1) Fenwick Construction \$15,460.00 2) Scrib's Excavation \$8,962.00 3) Alpine Earthworks Inc. \$19,500.00 4) Absolut Services \$13,000.00. Due to the big difference in bids, Bob motioned to Accept Scrib's Excavation's bid as long as Casey Scribner meets with Chairman Danial and goes over bid to make sure that he is aware of the scope of work and that it is to the satisfaction of the Chairman to authorize the work. Danial 2nd. All in Favor.

Mary presented 2 letters – One from Safe Voices and One from American Red Cross thanking us for our Donations. Also a letter from Department of Transportation – awarding Jordan Excavations the contract for the Project: 2768800 - Rt 16. We received a letter from State of Maine Revenue services stating they received our completed 2025 Certified Ratio Declaration form and that our request has been Approved to certify at 100% for commitment April 1, 2025.

Bob requested that we go out of order and go over School Budget since Linda Lowell was present to go over. All in favor.

Bob stated that last year the school budget raised \$169,037.77 and this coming year 2025-2026 will raise \$198,206.85. Linda stated that we did have 2 students going to Rangeley but that doesn't change anything. Differences are that raises were given at 5% across the board. Amount change from 2024-25 = \$27,955.46. Budget exp/Approp \$219,547.38. Bob motioned to approve the School Budget Warrant for the Special Town Meeting on June 30th with the exception of changing Assessors name from

Benjamin DeFroschia to John Dodson. John 2nd. All in favor. The name on last page changed and all Assessors signed warrant.

Review of Audit Services for 2024 - Dan requested we go back to Review of Audit Services. Bob stated that the last meeting he requested to speak with Mindy Cyr. The School has hired her to do the School Audit. He spoke with her in length. She is the sole practitioner. She did indicate that she is pretty booked up so she would be doing everything remotely for the first year. She does seem well equipped to do the Audit. She stated it would probably take her 2-4 wks to do the 2024 Audit once we get the 2023 done and she has all the documentation needed from treasurer. From prior experience, Bob stated there may be an increase next year once she sees how much is involved and how complicated it is to do. Bob thinks she quoted \$5,000 for town and \$2,000 for the School. Maybe next time around if she does both then maybe we can ask if there would be a discount for doing both. Bob is comfortable with Mindy Cyr doing the work and motioned that Municipal Audit Services do our Audit for 2024. Danial 2nd. All in favor. Bob will contact her, let her know that we will be using her and for her to get a list of everything that she needs to get started.

Treasurer: Deanna stated she paid Johnny Morris. Gave Assessors all the warrants. All Assessors signed warrants.

Tax Collector: Sue stated she will be getting the 30 day lien notices out in the mail Thursday, June 12th. She will be sending out 21 notices.

Other: Mary stated Bob Gingras will be at the Town Office 9am Monday June 16, 2025 to meet and start the Reval. Dan agreed to meet him at the town office. Dan has keys to 3 houses for Bob to get inside for Reval. There will be another letter going out to residence after field work has been done. We will be giving Reval access to Trio to input information. Spoke to Assessors about changing website information. After meeting, went over website and decided to make changes that will be easier for people to find information regarding the office. John Dodson also stated that he called Sign Works and it will still be a couple of weeks until address signs are ready. Deanna stated that Iva Palmer passed away and did we want to make a donation since she was our Town Clerk years ago. Bob motioned that we make a donation to the Disable American Veterans in the amount of \$50.00. Danial 2nd. All in favor.

Executive Session: None

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

Respectfully submitted,


Mary Donoghue, Town Clerk