

Assessors Meeting

May 14, 2025

Assessors present: Danial Barker

John Dodson

Bob Farrar

Deanna Caron, Treasurer

Sue Howe, Tax Collector

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

Approval of Minutes: Bob motioned to accept the minutes as read with 2 corrections. Danial 2nd. All approved.

Written Communications: Mary presented: 1) LUPC letter saying they amended its rules to require notice for new accessory structures. We have informational cards available for residents. 2) Bob stated he has the snow removal contract signed by Andy Brann which was approved at the last meeting.

Appointment of ACO and Local Health Officer

Bob motioned to appoint Paul White as ACO for one year and Mary Donoghue as LHO for one year. Gave Assessors Letter which will appoint Paul White as ACO for one year which they all signed. Mary stated she spoke to Local Health Office about changing information on their website. Will make the changes after the Assessors Meeting. Danial 2nd. All in favor.

Contract: Parker Appraisal Company for 2025 Revaluation

Bob went thru contract and talked to Bob Gingras which is in order. The price is \$37,500 which is \$500 less than what we had approved at the Town Meeting. Plan to start 2nd or 3rd week of June. Mary has the letter to get printed and the tentative plan is to send to residents after Memorial Day or the first week in June. All Assessors signed contract. Mary signed as witness. Mary will make copy and send out to Parker Appraisal Company. Mary mailed May 16, 2025. Bob motioned to approve contract with Parker Appraisal Company for the amount of \$37,500 and the agreement that he provided. Dan 2nd. All in favor.

Review of Audit Services for 2024 Sue reached out to the woman who does Eustis and she gave her a proposal for the school and town for 2024 which we are only doing 2023. Talked to Ron Beaulieu and he can't give a proposal of 2024 until 2023 is done. Sue needs to work on it tomorrow to get him the info as soon as she can. Which he just sent her the information today. Last time it was \$8000/\$8500, the school was \$3800 and the quote from Mindy Cyr at Maine Municipal Audit Services was \$5000 for the town and \$2000 for the school and that would be for 2024. Sue feels we should consider using her but she can't start until 2023 is complete. Bob concerned about her workload and timeframe. She would have to work remotely since she is booked up. Bob wants to look over and clarify what information is needed. Bob motioned to go over this again at next Assessors meeting. Dan 2nd. All in favor.

Treasurer: Deanna stated she paid all little donations. American Red Cross, EMS bills, Snowmobile club, Schoolhouse etc. Henry Ruddy gave last bill for snow shoveling. Mary Fallow finally paid BMV but we still need to get our \$25 bounced check fee from her. Gave Assessors all the warrants. All Assessors signed warrants.

Tax Collector: She collected taxes today. Nothing is happening with resident on Kennebago Road. Will be sending out lien notices in June and he will be on it. She doesn't consider him foreclosed because she didn't have correct wording, come January if he doesn't pay the year before also he will be foreclosed.

Other: Dan stated Stratton Brook Road meeting went really well. Cindy is happy with what the town is doing. Haven't heard back from Lisa. Bob asked about bids for Stratton Brook Road. Mary put on website, and Dan sent out letters to Jordan Excavation, MNH, Andy and Scrib. He hasn't heard from anyone yet. Dan went around with Andy and checked the roads. On Kennebago Road, there was bad section so they ribboned it off, flattened it out and will do work this summer. On Porcupine Trail will put a new culvert. Dan did the weed whacking and cleaned up around the town office so they can come mow. Dan took down some weight signs but not all of them. Will go around checking which ones can be taken down. Kurt from Maine Revenue Services was at office today and everything went well. He was here about 2 hours. John submitted list of addresses to Sign Works today. Will bring signs next meeting. Bob stated the Certified Ration Declaration Form is complete and needs to be signed by the

Assessors. Bob stated our ratio will be 100% after our Reval is done. We have 50 homesteads. All Assessors signed. Mary will make copies and mail out. Mary mailed out May 16, 2025. Bob stated that the School Budget Vote which is a Town Meeting will be Monday, June 30th, 2025 at 6:00pm. They will approve on Thursday, May 5th and Assessors can go over at next meeting and sign warrant. Dan stated that Andy from Absolut is getting ready to grade. Want to start earlier this year.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: Bob made a motion to adjourn, Dan 2nd. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Donoghue, Town Clerk