Assessors Meeting April 9, 2025

Assessors present: Danial Barker

John Dodson Bob Farrar

Deanna Caron, Treasurer Sue Howe, Tax Collector

Guest: Linda Lowell and Gary Dam, Deputy Town Clerk

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

Approval of Minutes: Dan motioned to accept the minutes as read. John 2nd. All approved.

Written Communications: Mary presented: 1) Maine Dept of Transportation agreement for work on Rt 16. All signed. (Mary mailed on April 10, 2025). 2) Letter from Stratton Food Pantry to pay them directly, they became a 501c3, gave letter to Deanna to pay directly in the future.

3) Bob stated that he has a letter ready to go out to Cindy ODonnall for the 4 abuting property owners on Stratton Brook Rd. They will have a meeting April 23rd at 6:00pm at the end of the road.

Approval of Snowplowing Contract: Authorized at Town Meeting to contract for Snow removal. Andy Brann agreed to continue to provide snow removal for the same price as the last 3 years, \$52,000 with opportunity for surcharge if price of gasoline or diesel exceeds a certain price. Contract for 1 year 2025/2026 with 2 year option for 2026/27 and 2027/28. Robert motioned to accept contract, John 2nd. All Assessors signed contract.

Treasurer: Deanna stated that she had last payment for Andy at Absolut for May and did all the quarterlies and the first FMLA payment, it was only \$52.00. Deanna asked if the assessors were ok with starting new payroll next week. Assessors were all in favor.

Tax Collector: Sue stated that she received something from Christopher Kurtis, he owns Warrens Way Map 5 Lot 36 and 41. He wants it combined and Sue believed LUPC said it had to be combined. He is getting a building permit. Danial stated Bob will combine lots.

Other: Robert stated that we needed to elect a Chair for next year. He nominated Danial Barker as Chair. John 2nd. All in favor. Robert also elected John Dodson as the General Assistance Coordinator. Danial 2nd. He's doing an awesome job. All in favor. John stated he has a list of signs that we can get, he can call Sign Works in Farmington for the reflective signs. We will put on website that they can pick them up when ready. Linda asked if we can send a letter with tax bills that people had signs available for pick up and that they need to be at the end of the driveway. Danial stated he's working on Stratton Brook Rd doing the scope of the work and that he will send that out to get bids. The roads look pretty good right now. Robert would like to find out from Sue or Deanna an update regarding 2023 Audit, it needs to be finished and 2024 started. He wants to know where we stand. Sue stated that she sent materials to Auditor, keeps contacting him and he's working on it. She wants to get a new Auditor, will speak with Rachel to find out who they use. Robert and Danial agreed that she should get a written quote. Mary questioned about starting contract with Cprompt. We need to have David Koenig finish up what he's doing with the computers before starting the contract. Danial will talk to David Koenig and have him get in touch with Mary. Mary also asked about getting a gift card for Joanne Bean for retirement. Agreed on \$50 gift card. All in favor.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: Danial made a motion to adjourn, Robert 2nd. All approved. Meeting adjourned 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Donoghue, Town Clerk