

Assessor Meeting

July 12, 2023

Assessors present: Danial Barker
Robert Farrar
Ben DeFrosia
Sue Howe, Treasurer/tax collector
Joanne Bean, Town Clerk

Guests: Andrew Delcourt

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Guest: Andrew had arrived to have Assessors sign a liquor license for a single use event, Viking for Vets, to be held outside at The Spillover Motel. When asked why it had not been placed on the Agenda, Joanne stated that she had contacted Leeann Delcourt earlier in the day and had left a message stating that she would be glad to put them on the agenda, but that they needed to contact her by 4:00 p.m., and arrive with the necessary paperwork. After a short question and answer session the Assessors signed the liquor license paperwork. Bob advised Andrew that for future reference, they should ask to be on the agenda at least a month before the date of their event, in case of issues and to inform the public that it is on the agenda. Bob motioned to approve. Dan 2nd. All approved.

Written Communications: None

Treasurer/Tax Collector: Sue stated that the taxes for Franklin County have increased to \$15,000. Taxes for Franklin County were \$63,865.00, in 2022 and \$85,944.00 in 2023. This would be due to the high cost of real estate sales. Bob is going to check to see if a Special Town Meeting is needed to gather the extra funds needed. **Bob contacted Sue on 7/15/2023 and a Special Town Meeting is not needed.**

CD and Computers: Sue also stated that \$75,000 will be put into a CD at Skowhegan Savings Bank as interest is good and the Town is good financially. Sue has been discussing computers with Dave Koenig, as Dan is in need of a new computer. Joanne and Donna would like to have a new computer at the front desk to better work together for customer needs. We would also need a new monitor for Sue and two monitors for the new computers. Dave said these would be attainable for the cost of \$750.00. Assessors agreed that they should be ordered.

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

Other: Dan stated that Absolut has opted out of the tree and brush removal, as they are not a licensed arborist. Dan contacted Mahlon Libby of Libby's Tree Service. Dan and Mahlon drove the town roads assessing everything that needed removal and Mahlon has given Dan an estimate of \$4-5,000.00. Mahlon will start within the next couple of weeks and give Dan a daily report. Dan also stated that Rachael from LURP contacted him regarding Coplin Power Sports, and that they have applied for a permit. Dan also stated that he will begin replacing damaged road signs as well as new road signs where needed, this weekend. He may have to order some new posts. Ben filled us in on the High Peaks meeting at the Sugarloaf Hotel. He stated that there was a very good turnout and that the tone was against Federal involvement. There are still more meetings to come. He also stated that it could still go through without a vote.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: Bob made a motion to adjourn, Dan 2nd. All approved. Meeting adjourned 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Bean, Clerk