Assessors Meeting
August 13, 2025
Assessors present: Danial Barker
Bob Farrar
Deanna Caron, Treasurer
Sue Howe, Tax Collector
Guest: Deputy Clerk, Robin Cottle

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

Approval of Minutes: Bob motioned to accept the minutes as presented with 1 minor typo. Dan 2nd. All in Favor.

Written Communications: Mary presented a letter regarding the Local Road Assistance Certification. They are behind on sending the DocuSign. Mary will call Peter Coughlan, Director of Maine Local Roads and find out about getting letter to sign. Bob stated that the allocated amount expected for the local roads for Coplin Plantation for 2025 is $7,180 and for 2026 it is $7,424. Received a letter from Safe Voices, even though we sent a donation this year, going forward they will not be asking for donations from the municipalities, they will be requesting it from the Franklin County Commissioners and the County Budget Committee. Presented to the Assessors an email from Price Digest regarding our annual subscription for MSRP prices. Mary suggested that we do not renew subscription since we haven't used their services all year. We now use the services thru Trio. Bob agreed and Dan 2nd. All in favor to cancel Price Digest. Mary presented County Tax letter, due September 1st, Deanna is going to pay half. Mary received email regarding giving Pet Point access for our ACO. Dan agreed and Bob 2nd. All in Favor. Mary will double check to make sure Paul White is up to date on his ACO certification and to sign up for Pet Point access.

Discuss and Set 2025 Tax Rate/ Tax Collector: Sue made up a few scenarios to figure what the Tax Rate should be. After going over all scenarios the Assessors decided on $25,000 surplus from the Unassigned Fund and $16,174 overlay with Tax rate being $5.20 per $1,000. Bob motioned to accept the Tax rate pending final review of outcome of 4 meetings with residents and Parker Appraisals regarding revaluation of properties. Dan 2nd. All in favor.

Treasurer/Warrants: Deanna gave Assessors all the warrants. Stated she is paying half the Couty Tax, paying Absolut for 3 Invoices from last year that were approved but never paid including $1,540 and $634 amounts. Deanna also changed Jordan Lumber account to Hammond Lumber. She also paid Scrib's Excavation for work on Stratton Brook Road. Assessors signed warrants.

Other: Dan spoke about finding out if we need to do anything with Moses to have residents be able to get hunting/fishing licenses on line. He will call and find out. Mary stated that the office accepted our first credit card today. Robin did transaction and we were able to use card reader to scan card and all went thru perfectly. Mary asked about getting new email addresses since most websites require each individual to have their own email address. Mary will speak to CPrompt, Rachel from Eustis town office and Maine Municipal and find out about possibly getting our own domain. Bob suggested a ".gov" email domain. Sue stated TDS is not giving out any more email addresses. Even though John Dodson was not available at meeting, he gave Dan info: Dan stated John received the 911 address signs and they are at the office. Mary had Robin set up letter stating where signs should be placed so that emergency services can see the sign. Residents can come into office to pick up plus Dan will be dropping some off when he is out on the road. John also signed up for us to be included in the Environmental Grant. John will take care of the work that has to do with the grant. Mary questioned about using Rapid Renewal. We will lose our clerk fees if they do them online. Bob suggested tracking it for a year and see if people ask about getting it. Dan 2nd. All in favor. Dan stated roads are looking good. Andy finished Porcupine Trail and he is wrapping up Hunter Hill. Dan spoke about ATV not being able to use Coplin roads to access trails. For the safety of the people driving the ATV, we are denying access to roads. There is access to trails behind Flagstaff.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: Bob made a motion to adjourn, Dan 2nd. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Donoghue

Mary Donoghue, Town Clerk