

Assessors Meeting Coplin Plantation

July 8, 2026

Assessors present: Danial Barker
Bob Farrar
John Dodson
Deanna Caron, Treasurer
Robin Cottle, Deputy Clerk

Residents present: Patricia Morris, Gary Morris, Linda Lowell, Harriet Powers,
Cathy Newman, Ralph Newman,

Non-resident present: Mark Bridges

Andy Brann - Absolut

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

Approval of Minutes: Bob motioned to approve June 10, 2026 minutes as presented. Dan 2nd. All in Favor.

**Several residents have requested to speak –
regarding Kennebago Road:**

These are the issues that the residents spoke about:

- 1) Does anyone have a degree in engineering in developing roads including the Assessors and Andy Brann or any of his workers? Dan and Andy answered “No” but Andy said he’s been working on roads for a long time.
- 2) Before any more road work is done, they suggest we get an engineer to look over the roads and make sure the roads are up to specs and the materials being used are up to spec.
- 3) Want to know when calcium will be put on the road. Andy said we should be getting rain Thursday or Friday and they will put the calcium down then.
- 4) Why did they raise the road so much in certain spots of Kennebago Road? One resident states that the road is 4.5 ft higher than their property. Andy stated that they did not raise the road that much and that they ditched the side of the road which makes it seem higher. They also brought the ditch lower than it was. It is going to take time for the road to be compacted. They use the same material as they use for all the roads including the roads for Eustis.
- 5) They wanted to know if the road had been soil tested. Dan stated that the municipality hasn’t soil tested the road. Mark Bridges had a soil test done on his own. He showed the Assessors and Andy a DOT spec. He stated that the soil is not to state standards. Dan asked if those specs from the state were for tar or graveling a road. Mark stated that these were specs to build a road and prepare a road before they were to tar a road which the municipality isn’t tarring the road.

- 6) The Assessors were asked if we always go with the lowest bidder when accepting bids. Dan replied that no we don't always go with the lowest bidder but that Andy from Absolut was the only person who put a bid in to do the Kennebago Road. It was put out there for other contractors to bid but no other contractors submitted any bids.

Dan thanked the people for coming to the meeting and voicing their concerns. After residents left, Andy asked what the Assessors wanted him to do. They will wait to see how the road compacts and see what happens in the fall. Andy said he would do whatever needs to be done to fix the road. Andy said he's been hauling the same materials out of the same pit in Eustis that he has always used for years which everyone around here uses. Andy has spent the last week and a half out on Kennebago Road trying to fix the problems. Dan had been out on the Kennebago Road every time that someone called regarding an issue and he called and spoke with Andy to fix whatever problems arose.

Written Communications: Received mail for Franklin County 2027 Budget. Assessors looked it over and gave Deanna (treasurer) the paperwork to keep a copy. Mary presented an email regarding a new land use law book. Dan requested that we order a new book. Mary presented the Maine Municipal nominations for the 2026-2028 Legislative Policy Committee. Assessors nominated and signed the nomination and Mary will mail out.

LUPC Application Review Request – SP4103: Mary presented email stating that the LUPC Commissioners approved the request for a public hearing on the application. LUPC staff are currently anticipating September 9, 2026 hearing date. Bob stated that at the meeting he went to, that they would probably do a site visit and the public hearing on the same day.

Treasurer/Warrants: Deanna stated she paid all the usual bills and election workers. And she changed the payroll for the School Board. Also will finish paying Absolut for Kennebago Road. Deanna stated that Mindy Cyr has all the audit information for the 2025 Audit. It will take a few weeks for her to finalize. Then we will be caught up to date with audit.

Tax Collector: Dan stated that he approved a tree growth application in April 2026 for a resident. Bob stated that we should start to get the paperwork together to commit the taxes by end of August, early September to get taxes sent out.

Other: John tried reaching out to Signworks but they were closed because of the holiday week so he will try again to reach out to them. Mary gave Bob phone number for Connor Dolan and he will reach out to him regarding the snow removal contract. Dan stated that moving forward they want to make sure that anyone who is putting bids in for the municipality have all the equipment needed to do the job when they put in bids. Dan stated that the Mountain Road is done.

Dan will be going around the municipality with Henry and showing him all the spots that need clearing around all signs etc and clear away all overgrown weeds etc.

Executive Session: None

Adjourn: Bob made a motion to adjourn, Dan 2nd. All in favor. Meeting adjourned 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary Donoghue". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mary Donoghue, Town Clerk