

September 25, 2023
BOARD OF ASSESSORS MINUTES

Present: Terry Bergeron, Chair; Tim DeMillo, Vice Chair; Tom Goding, Lee Ann Dalessandro, Gary McGrane, Shiloh LaFreniere, Town Manager; Raeleen York, Deputy Clerk

Guests: Adrienne Foss (Mt. Blue and Daily Bulldog), Donna Perry (Sun Journal), Mark Holt (Sewer Superintendent), Darren Roundy

1. Pledge of Allegiance – 6:00 p.m. -Tim led the pledge.

2. Tax Abatements (3) and Supplements (3) – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve a tax abatement of \$5,230 in valuation, \$120.29 in tax dollars, for Time Payment Corp. for the 2023 -2024 tax year. Vote 5-0-0

M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve a tax abatement of \$840,780 in valuation, \$17,235.99 in tax dollars, for Somerset Capital Group for the 2023-2024 tax year. Vote 5-0-0

M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve a tax abatement of \$21,350 in valuation, \$491.05 in tax dollars, for Carey Ann Kennedy for the 2023-2024 tax year for parcel 13A-072-A. Vote 5-0-0

M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve a supplemental assessment of \$7,660 in valuation, \$176.18 in tax dollars, for Carey Ann Kennedy for the 2023-2024 tax year for parcel 13A-072. Vote 5-0-0

M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve a supplemental assessment for \$148,240 in valuation, \$3,409.52 in tax dollars to Scott and Huimi Swett for the 2023-2024 tax year. Vote 5-0-0

M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve a supplemental assessment of \$110,500 in valuation, \$2,540.50 in tax dollars to Richard and Lisa Simoneau for the 2023-2024 tax year. Vote 5-0-0

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

1. Minutes – September 11, 2023 – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2023 Selectboard meeting. Vote 5-0-0

2. Old Business – No discussion.

3. Sewer Abatements (5) – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve a sewer abatement for \$220 for James and Clair Jacques for the 2023-2024 billing cycle. Vote 5-0-0

M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve a sewer abatement of \$140 for Lili Adams for the 2023-2024 billing cycle. Vote 5-0-0

M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve a sewer abatement of \$230 for Arthur Landry for the 2023-2024 billing cycle. Vote 5-0-0

M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve a sewer abatement of \$320 for Joseph Landry for the 2023-2024 billing cycle. Vote 5-0-0

M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve a sewer abatement of \$360 for the Pomerleau Family Trust for the 2023-2024 billing cycle. Vote 5-0-0

4. ARPA Update – Shiloh provided the Selectboard with a spreadsheet of ARPA fund expenditures to date. Most projects have been completed. The town may be able to use the remaining funds toward emergency relief of natural disasters if it chooses to.

5. Public Notice Planning Board Appointment – Jamie Carden-Leventhal – M/M/S Gary/Tom to post a Public Notice for October 10, 2023 for the appointment of Jamie Carden-Leventhal to the Planning Board as a regular member from an alternate member. Vote 5-0-0
Terry thanked Mike Hobbs for his service on the Planning Board.

6. Notice of Public Hearing – General Assistance Appendices Update – M/M/S LeeAnn/Tom to post a Notice of Public Hearing for the adoption of General Assistance Appendices A-H. Vote 5-0-0

7. Request for Proposals – North Jay Fire Station – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to put the Fire Station retaining walls and associated earthwork washout repairs out to bid with work to be completed by 12/31/2023. Vote 5-0-0. The earthwork beyond the retaining walls is not covered by insurance. Possibly FEMA would cover it.
M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to put the Fire Station Building repair work out to bid with work to be completed by 12/31/2023. Vote 5-0-0

8. May 1st and June 29th Storm Updates – Shiloh gave an update to the Selectboard. A FEMA project manager has been assigned for the May storm. He has been very helpful. They have been working on a Damage Inventory to set up projects for reimbursement. Pike's completed paving on the East Jay Road for areas damaged by the May storm. The twin culverts at the end of Lake School Road need to be changed out. That project starts this week with paving to follow. Once the paving is done, all the damage from the May storm will be complete. We expect to be through the May storm by the end of October. We would like to have that finished before beginning on the June Storm repairs.

June Storm update – We have not been assigned a FEMA Project Manager for the June storm yet. WE are hoping to get the same Project Manager as the May storm since he is already familiar with some of the damage. We are continuing to work on damaged areas, filling in gravel as it settles and completing ditching in some areas. Public Works will be working to cut out paving ahead of Pike's to keep things moving. After they finish East Jay Road they will move on to Soules Hill Road. CCC Construction is working on Woodman Hill Road and except for paving will be finished by October 15th.

Due to the need to get the permanent repairs for Macomber, Hutchinson and Begin designed so that they can be bid in Feb/Mar and awarded to be on a contractor's construction schedule for next year, Shiloh asked the Selectboard if they were in agreement to continue using Main Land. If so, she would talk with them about putting together a proposal for the work. Some of the engineering needs to be done asap prior to winter weather, such as surveying and in stream studies. The Selectboard agreed that that they would like to continue to utilize Main Land.

On Hutchinson Road, we will be talking about a temporary bridge. The current temporary access will not hold up to next spring's rains, so we need a more dependable temporary fix.

We will also be talking with Main Land about permanent fixes on the Rail Trail where the sewer line was impacted. In the short term, the areas need to be stabilized and our pipe needs to be insulated and secured before winter. Mark will put together a specification and we will provide that to multiple contractors for quotes.

9. Other Business – The Planning Board is having an LD 2003 workshop tomorrow night and will be working with an attorney and AVCOG on proposals to address the legislation requirements.

Terry announced upcoming dates of interest.

10. Executive Session: MRS Title 1, Ch.13, Sect.405 ss 6.C. Economic Development – M/M/S - Tim/Tom to go into Executive Session under MRS Title 1 Chapter 13 Section 405, Subsection 6.C. Economic Development. Vote 5-0-0. Terry declared the Board out of Executive Session.

M/M/S - Gary/Tom to adjourn. Vote 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Raeleen M. York