

**October 7, 2024**  
**BOARD OF ASSESSORS MINUTES**

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

**Guests:** Trinity Smith (Mt. Blue TV/Daily Bulldog), Donna Perry (Sun Journal), Mark Holt (Sewer Superintendent)

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**1. Pledge of Allegiance** – 6:00 Tim led the pledge.

**2. Tax Abatements (2)** – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a personal property tax abatement for Fairpoint Communications in the amount of \$192.72 for the 2024-25 tax year. Vote 5-0-0 M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve a personal property tax abatement for Kyndryl Inc. in the amount of \$28.07 for the 2024-2025 tax year. Vote 5-0-0

**SELECTBOARD MINUTES**

**1. Pledge of Allegiance** – Done at beginning of Assessors meeting.

**2. Public Hearing – Planning Board Appointment – Christopher Townsend** – Terry opened and closed the public hearing. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to appoint Christopher Townsend to the Planning Board as an alternate member with a term to expire 9/2028. Vote 5-0-0

**3. Public Hearing – General Assistance Appendices Update** – Terry opened and closed the public hearing. M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve the adoption of the updated General Assistance Appendices A-H as recommended. Vote 5-0-0

**4. Minutes – September 23, 2024** – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2024 Selectboard meeting with a corrected typo. Vote 5-0-0

**5. Old Business** – No Discussion.

**6. Special Amusement & Liquor License Renewal – Lane Dube Amvets Post #33** – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve the Special Amusement Permit and Liquor License renewal for the Lane Dube Amvets Post #33. Vote 5-0-0

**7. Junkyard Permits – Belanger & St. Pierre** - M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve a junkyard permit for David Belanger at 990 Franklin Road. Vote 5-0-0 M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve a junkyard permit/automobile graveyard for Benjamin St. Pierre at 386 East Jay Road. Vote 5-0-0

**8. Livermore Falls Sewer Update and Joint Reserve Account Request – Plant Water System Yard Hydrant** – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve up to \$7,000 from the joint reserve account to replace a defunct plant water system yard hydrant between the two secondary clarifiers. Vote 5-0-0 Mark updated the Board on the status of the rail trail project. He stated that Cousineau's should be finished later this week.

**9. Town Meeting Timeline & Donation Requests** – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to only accept donation requests from the same organizations that received funding in the previous years.

**10. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds** – The spreadsheet will be updated once Craig Boone has reviewed and provided the invoice for the Highway garage project. Public Works crews completed maintenance on the light posts at the monument. We expect to have all invoices, including the back wall of the sand/salt building and municipal flooring so the Selectboard can consider the rest of the ARPA funding at the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**11. Other Business** – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a letter of support for AVCOG's application to the Recreation Economy for Rural Communities Program. Vote 5-0-0.

Shiloh gave an update on the roads. Begin is completed. Macomber and Hutchinson are still under way.

Gary gave an overview of what was offered at the MMA conference that he and Shiloh attended. Some of the topics covered were General Assistance, retire/rehire, property tax sales and foreclosure, paid family medical leave, mental health resources, and more. Shiloh was recognized at the convention for her work on community resilience related to the FEMA storms. Gary thought the convention was very good and they were provided with a lot of useful information.

Terry announced upcoming dates of interest.

**12. Executive Session – MRS Title 1, Ch. 13, Sect. 405 ss 6.D. – Union (PD) & 6.A. Personnel – Compensation** - M/M/S - Tim/Tom to go into Executive Session under MRS Title 1 Chapter 13 Section 405, Subsection 6.D. Union (PD) & 6.A. Personnel - Compensation. Vote 5-0-0. Terry declared the Board out of Executive Session.

M/M/S - Lee Ann/Gary to accept the Amendment to Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Jay and the Jay Police Association/Maine Association of Police. Vote 4-1-0 (Tom opposed)

M/M/S - Gary/Lee Ann to adjourn. Vote 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Raeleen M. York