

TOWN OF JAY
October 27, 2025
BOARD OF ASSESSORS MINUTES

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

Guests: Andre Cormier (Mt. Blue TV), Mark Holt (Sewer Superintendent), John Johnson (Public Works), Jayde Couture

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

2. Tax Abatements/Supplement (2) – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a tax abatement in personal property for Getchell Brothers in the amount of \$25.65 for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 tax years. Vote 5-0-0.

M/M/S Gary/Tom to deny a tax abatement for Joseph and Heidi Sage at 10 Barker Street. Vote 5-0-0.

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

1. Minutes – October 6, 2025 – Gary/Tom to approve the minutes from the October 6, 2025 Assessors and Selectboard meetings. Vote 5-0-0

2. Old Business – Gary asked about Backwood's Eatery and Tavern as follow up to last meeting's license renewal. Shiloh told the Board that the Fire Marshall said he didn't need anything.

3. Drug Free Community Grant Presentation – Jayde Couture, Program Coordinator for MaineHealth Healthy Community Coalition provided a presentation to the Selectboard about a grant they are working under to build partnerships and coalitions to help prevent substance abuse among our youth. This is a \$625,000 grant for five years. It is possible to file an extension if progress is shown in the first five years. Prevention work is being done in the Middle School and High School and out into the communities. They are working to help reduce mental health stigma. They are starting a garden called the Yellow Tulip Project and will have a community event in the spring. Students are compiling a list of positives and negatives that they find in the community. Jayde said she would like Selectboard members to join if they are interested. The meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the high school library.

4. New E911 Street Name – Private Road off Franklin Road - M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a street name of Hemlock Drive off Franklin Road. Vote 5-0-0

5. Davenport and Alden Hill Road Culvert Replacement Engineering Project – Road Closures – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to allow a road closure and detour during the culvert installation project of Davenport and Alden Hill Roads. Vote 5-0-0. We are only at the engineering design point now.

6. Curbside Collection of Solid Waste and Recycling – Draft Request for Bids – The Selectboard decided they would only ask for public roads to be picked up. Those on private roads will need to bring trash to the public/town road to be picked up. They will put the RFP out with

weekly pickup of recycling but could change that to biweekly once they have a chance to go over the bids. M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to put Curbside Collection of Solid Waste and Recycling out to bid with a due date of December 2, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. for the bid opening. Vote 5-0-0

7. Sewer Abatements (2) – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve a sewer abatement of \$310.50 for Jeannie Acedo of 36 Smith Avenue for the 2025-2026 billing cycle.

M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a sewer abatement in the amount of \$1,134.00 for Armand LeBlanc of 3 Dubord Street for the 2025-2026 billing cycle. Vote 5-0-0

8. Vortex Construction Services Agreement – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve the renewal of Vortex Construction Services Agreement from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027. Vote 5-0-0

9. LF WWTF Vehicle Maintenance Discussion – Mark asked the Selectboard to consider what they would like to do regarding the 2016 Chevy Silverado that the WWTF uses mainly for plowing. It has low mileage of around 25,000 but has rust and needs work. It would cost around \$8,000 to repair. The frame is still solid. They could also go with a new vehicle with a utility body and those bodies go for \$14,000 to \$18,000. Mark is just asking the board to think about what they would like to do and does not need a decision right now. M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve up to \$8,000 from the joint reserve account for repairs to the 2016 Chevy Silverado contingent upon the Livermore Falls Selectboard's approval. Vote 5-0-0

10. Town Meeting Timeline & Donation Requests – M/M/S Tim/Tom to accept donation requests from the same organizations as last year. Vote 4-1-0 (Lee Ann opposed)

M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve the Town Meeting timeline as presented. Vote 5-0-0

11. Budget Committee Members – Appointments – Lee Ann/Tom to reappoint Marilyn Morse, Edward Mardosa, Chris Townsend, Samuel Howes, and Beth Wright to the Budget Committee with terms to expire 12/31/2027 and to appoint Kevin Ennis to a regular Budget Committee member position with a term to expire 12/31/2027. Vote 5-0-0

12. Maine Infrastructure Rebuilding and Resilience Commission Report Discussion – Shiloh talked to the Selectboard about the Resiliency project. We have already been working on the culvert project. The Selectboard has copies of the Final Report – A Plan for Infrastructure Resilience.

13. Other Business – Terry announced upcoming dates of interest. Shiloh reminded the Selectboard that the last day for absentee voting without special circumstances is Thursday, October 30th.

M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. Vote 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Raeleen M. York