

TOWN OF JAY
January 12, 2026
BOARD OF ASSESSORS MINUTES

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

Guests: Kai Strine (Mt. Blue TV), Bob Neal (Monitor), Mike Booker (Fire Chief), Mark Holt (Sewer Superintendent), Kyle DeMillo, Ron Jacques, and Jacob Letendre (Spruce Mountain Ski Slope), Jeff Gilbert

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

2. Tax Abatement – Bowie – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve a tax abatement for \$6,000 in valuation in the amount of \$72.00 for the 2025-2026 tax year for William and Jacqueline Bowie, parcel #005-099. Vote 5-0-0

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

1. Minutes – December 8th & 16th, 2025 – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2025 and December 16, 2025 Selectboard meetings. Vote 5-0-0

2. Old Business – None

3. Public Hearing Liquor License – Spruce Mountain Ski Club On-Premise Beer & Wine Permit – Terry opened the public hearing. Gary would like to see the mountain be a drug free zone and expressed concerns about allowing alcohol there. Kyle DeMillo explained to the Board that they are looking for ways to keep the mountain sustainable without asking for more tax money to be raised. Ron Jacques said that they are trying to make it a four-season venue and that it is not going to be a bar scene. There was additional input from both sides. Terry closed the public hearing. M/M/S Terry/Tom to approve the liquor license for Spruce Mountain Ski Club On-Premise Beer and Wine Permit. Vote 4-1-0 (Gary opposed)

4. Special Amusement Permit Spruce Mountain Ski Club – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a Special Amusement Permit and waive the fee for the Spruce Mountain Ski Club. Vote 4-1-0 (Gary opposed)

5. Liquor License – My Dad’s Place, LLC Catering Permit – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a catering permit for My Dad’s Place for an event at Otis Federal Credit Union on January 29, 2026. Vote 5-0-0

6. Solid Waste Trailer Loan Request – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve loaning one solid waste trailer to Northern Oxford Regional Solid Waste Facility for about a month. Vote 4-1-0 (Gary opposed).

7. Sewer Pumps Disposal – M/M/S Gary/Tom to enter into a contract agreement with Auctions International. Vote 5-0-0. This is to list six Gorman Rupp T-6 and two Gorman Rupp T-4 pumps from the Sewer Dept. on their auction website. Shiloh can make a decision at the end of the auction.

8. Fire Department Reserve Account Request – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve purchasing 6 sets of fire gear and 4 radios for \$23,148 from the capital reserve account. Vote 5-0-0

9. Fire Department – Budget Discussion – Mike told the Selectboard that the current heating system at station 2 needs to be replaced. The double walled oil tank has been there since 1978 and would cost \$2500 to \$6500 to replace. A portion of the wall would also need to be removed and replaced to access the tank. A new tank and walls would be around \$10,000. There is no insulation to speak of. It would be more cost effective to go with propane infrared system.

Shiloh stated that discussion of air pack replacement has been ongoing. She suggested the Board consider utilizing funds from the undesignated fund to pay for this so that additional money does not have to be raised from taxes for it. She suggested the same could be done for the furnace. This could be included as a question on the town meeting warrant. M/M/S Tim/Tom to approve a warrant article for a heating system and 16 replacement air packs for the Fire Department for \$183,000 from the undesignated fund to be voted on at town meeting. Vote 5-0-0

10. Androscoggin Bank Donation – The Selectboard thanked John Simko, Director of Government Banking and other members of the Androscoggin Bank team for the third and final \$10,000 donation to the town for commitment to the future of the Jay region.

11. Safety Mission Statement – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve the Town’s annual Safety Mission Statement. Vote 5-0-0

12. Spirit of America Nominations – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to nominate the Comprehensive Planning Committee for the Spirit of America Award. Vote 4-0-1 (Gary abstained)

13. Other Business – Lee Ann announced a January 15th meeting at 5:00 pm for the Franklin County Budget Advisory Committee at their offices.

Terry announced upcoming dates of interest.

14. Executive Session (3) – MRS Title 1, Ch.13, Sect. 405 ss 6.A. Personnel – Employment/Compensation – M/M/S Tim/Tom to go into Executive Session under – MRS Title 1, Ch.13, Sect. 405 ss 6.A. Personnel – Employment/Compensation (3). Terry declared the Board out of executive session.

M/M/S Gary/Lee Ann to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Raeleen M. York