

TOWN OF JAY
September 28, 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, Town Clerk

Guests: Andre Cormier and Warren Garrett (Mt. Blue TV), Bob Neal (Maine Monitor), John Johnson (Public Works), Mark Holt (Sewer Superintendent), Tanya DeMillo, Clinton Brooks, Brigitte White, Brian Salisbury, Mario DeMillo, Kent Lewin, Jeff Hutchinson, Darryl Couture, Elaine Brackett, Karen Brackett, Richard Taylor, Nick DeMillo, Sheila Lyman, Jason Crocker, Craig Boone, Jeff Gilbert, Mark Wittenberg, Trevor Doiron

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

2. Tax Abatements (2) – 1) M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a tax abatement of \$21,754 in assessed personal property value for Emeral Solar Holdings, LLC in the amount of \$316.52 for the 2026-2027 tax year. Vote 5-0-0 2) M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve a tax abatement of \$22,030 in valuation for Kyle and Brandon Mitchell on parcel 016-057 in the amount of \$320.54 for the 2026-2027 tax year. Vote 5-0-0

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes – September 14, 2026 – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2026 Selectboard meeting. Vote 5-0-0

2. Public Hearing on Adoption of General Assistance Ordinance dated September 2026 and Adoption of General Assistance Appendices A-H – Terry opened the public hearing. He asked for any questions or comments. There were none. He closed the public hearing.

3. Adoption of General Assistance Ordinance dated September 2026 and Adoption of General Assistance Appendices A-H - M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to adopt the General Assistance Ordinance dated September 2026 and appendices A-H. Vote 5-0-0

4. Old Business – No discussion.

5. October Meeting Schedule – The second Monday in October is a holiday and the office is closed. The Selectboard agreed to move the next meeting to Tuesday, October 13th.

6. Discussion on Walden Renewables Request to Attend a Future Board Meeting (Regarding Questions Raised at Public Hearing – DEP's Site Location Requirements & TIF's) – Shiloh conveyed the Walden request to the Board and asked if they would like to have them attend a future meeting. There was discussion from the audience about the project and TIFs. The Board agreed to have a workshop with Walden regarding the two items.

7. Nomination of Planning Board Member & Public Hearing Notice of Appointment for October Board Meeting – Theresa Preble – M/M/S Gary/Tom to post a notice of Public Hearing for appointment of Theresa Preble to the Planning Board as an alternate member. Vote 5-0-0

8. Liquor License Renewal – LaFleur’s Restaurant – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a liquor license renewal for LaFleur’s Restaurant. Vote 5-0-0

9. Livermore Falls Sewer Joint Reserve Account Request – Propane Furnace – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve purchasing a condensing boiler for \$52,188.67 from A. Maurais & Son, Inc. with funds from the Sewer Joint Reserve Account as approved by the Livermore Falls Selectboard. Vote 5-0-0

10. Pole Location Permit – Claybrook Road – M/M/S Lee Ann/ Tom to approve a pole location permit from Central Maine Power Company and CCI of Northern New England for 2 poles at the corner of Franklin and Claybrook roads. Vote 5-0-0

11. Alcohol & Controlled Substances Testing Policy Update – M/M/S Gary/Tom to accept the updated Alcohol & Controlled Substance Testing Policy. Vote 5-0-0

12. Request for Proposals – Realtor Services for Sale of Foreclosed Property – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve an RFP for realtor services. Vote 5-0-0

13. Police Chief Firearms Purchase – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to allow the Police Chief to purchase a firearm through a dealer that the Town uses and that the town will transfer to him through the mandatory requirements at the local FFL dealer. Vote 5-0-0

14. MMA Annual Business Meeting & Voting Credentials – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tim to appoint Shiloh LaFreniere and Gary McGrane as voting delegate and alternative voting delegate respectively for Jay at the MMA Annual Business Meeting. Vote 4-0-1 (Gary abstained)

15. Other Business – Terry and the Board congratulated Shiloh on receiving the Maine Development Foundation’s Institute for Civic Leadership’s Distinguished Alumni Award.

Shiloh informed the Selectboard and will post to the public the moving of super oversized loads being transported from the mill site in Jay beginning September 29th at 6:00 p.m. and travelling the Crash Road in Jay and Livermore to Route 4 and then to Portland. The only roads involved in Jay are to be the Riley Road and Crash Road.

Terry announced upcoming dates of interest.

Lee Ann asked Shiloh to explain RERC. Shiloh explained that they will meet, do a tour of the area, engage in workshops that include representatives from outside our area to get ideas for how to develop recreation areas for Jay and surrounding towns. Community members were invited to participate.

16. Executive Session MRS Title 1, Ch.13, Sect. 405 ss 6.D. Union Negotiations (PD) - M/M/S Tim/Tom to go into Executive Session under MRS Title 1, Chapter 13, Section 405 ss 6.D. 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