TOWN OF JAY
October 13, 2026
BOARD OF ASSESSORS MINUTES

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

Guests: Raeleen York (Town Clerk), Lisa Bryant (Finance Director), Warren Garrett (Mt. Blue TV), Bob Neal (Maine Monitor), Mark Holt (Sewer Superintendent), Clinton Brooks, Jeff Gilbert (Franklin County Commissioner), Bob Preble, Theresa Preble, L, Kathleen Reed, Tom Reed, Emily Casper, Heidi Knight, Tom Cerulli, Donald Moreau

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 $15,310 in valuation for Judy Tremblay in the amount of $222.76 for the 2026-2027 tax year. Vote 5-0-0

2) M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a tax abatement of $27,700 in valuation for Craig and Dianna Pomerleau on parcel 004-126 in the amount of $403.04 for the 2026-2027 tax year. Vote 5-0-0

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes – September 28, 2026 – M/M/S Gary/Tom to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2026 Selectboard meeting. Vote 5-0-0

2. Public Hearing Planning Board Appointment (Theresa Preble) – Terry opened the public hearing. He asked for any questions or comments. Clint Brooks spoke in favor of Theresa Preble as an alternate for the Planning Board. Terry closed the public hearing.

3. Planning Board Appointment (Theresa Preble) - M/M/S Gary/Tom to appoint Theresa as an alternate for the Planning Board. Vote 5-0-0

4. Old Business – No discussion.

5. Franklin County Commissioner Jeff Gilbert – County Treasurer Position – Jeff Gilbert spoke about the question on the ballot for November 3rd to allow the county to appoint a Treasurer instead of electing a Treasurer. An appointed Treasurer would allow them to hire someone with the education and training to support the role. Discussion took place with guest Heidi Knight, and Selectpersons Lee Ann and Gary regarding salary and benefits, effect on budget and limiting voter rights by appointing and not electing the position. Jeff also mentioned an upcoming ribbon cutting with Senator Collins for the new building on County Way in Farmington.

6. Police Department Cruiser Purchase – Shiloh conveyed that the police department will purchase the totaled cruiser from the insurance company. The town will get quotes to have it repaired if the damage is just cosmetic. If it cannot be repaired, they will still be able to remove the equipment so it can be used on other cruisers. Selectboard agreed to allow the Chief to get quotes from dealers for an additional cruiser to be purchased. Theresa Preble spoke against the need for every officer to have a cruiser to take home and the additional expense for taxpayers. Donald Moreau spoke and agreed with

Theresa that the town should be watching spending. Lee Ann stated that they are currently working through the police contract and negotiations and need to remain competitive to keep officers and the department fully staffed. Wilton, Farmington and Franklin County provide take home cruisers as a benefit to both the officers and the community.

7. Sewer Abatements (5) – 1) M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve an abatement of $94.50 for Kevin Poulin Map 30-Lot 16 for the 2026-27 billing cycle. Vote 5-0-0

2) M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve an abatement of $297.00 for William Harlow Map 29-Lot 39 for the 2026-27 billing cycle. Vote 5-0-0

3) M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to take no action on this year's sewer billing for Therese Therrien and to use all four quarters for the 2027-28 billing cycle Account #785. Vote 5-0-0

4) M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to keep the sewer fee for Joan Kostopoulos at $1,197.50 for the 2026-27 billing cycle as was originally calculated by the Jay office Staff Map 23-Lot 40. Vote 5-0-0

5) M/M/S to approve an abatement of $108.00 for Donald Moreau Map 15-Lot 23 for the 2026-27 billing cycle. Vote 5-0-0.

8. Request for Proposals – Realtor Services for Foreclosed Property – The Town received 3 RFP's and opened them at the meeting. 1) L. Kathleen Casper Reed 2) Maine Homes and Camps 3) Bang Realty. Shiloh made copies for the selectboard to review and discuss at the next meeting.

9. Liquor License Renewal – Backwoods Eatery & Tavern (Thomas Cerulli) – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve a liquor license renewal for Backwoods Eatery & Tavern. Vote 5-0-0

10. Other Business – M/M/S Lee Ann/Tom to approve the location of a new CMP pole at the corner of 133 and Osgood Road. Vote 5-0-0

11. 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 Garty/Tom to adjourn. Vote 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Renee Keen