

MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING

Date:	February 11, 2025
Time:	3:30 PM
Meeting called to order by:	Steve Carr, 1 st Assessor

IN ATTENDANCE

Steve Carr, Joanne Taylor, Rodney Varney, Ethna L. Thompson

ABSENT

None

OPEN MEETING

Opened meeting at 3:30 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- January 28, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
The Board approved the minutes as submitted.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- LUPC Building Permit Report
Appears to be an Application Withdrawn for Allan & Jenna Mulandi, Wick Up Lane, Map 18 Lot 7 New single family dwelling 38x46' with new SWDS and driveway. Logged Date and Decision Date are 2/5/2025.

NEW BUSINESS

- Warrant(s) #48, 49, & 50 Disbursement Review/Sign
Warrant 48 was reviewed and signed during the meeting off week and warrants 49 & 50 were reviewed and signed during the meeting.
- Annual Report
The Clerk reported her intention to approach the annual report with a fresh perspective, aiming to enhance clarity, accessibility, and engagement to better connect with the community. She expressed her enthusiasm for the process, from creating compelling graphics to ensuring the data is both clear and meaningful. She emphasized the importance of support from the Board Members and requested that one or more of them provide a Board of Assessors (BOA) report, as well as a Road Commissioners Report, covering the prior fiscal year (June '23 to July '24). Additionally, she introduced two separate topics for consideration: dedicating the Annual Report to someone and including a section in remembrance of an individual. The Board did not reach a unanimous decision on either matter.

➤ **Fireworks Display**

The Clerk provided an update that Saddleback will be hosting a fireworks display during February vacation week/weekend. The company responsible for the display already holds a State of Maine permit, so per our ordinance, they are not required to obtain a permit from us. However, the Clerk did request that Saddleback, as the hosting agency, apply for a Fireworks Display Permit. This request was met with significant resistance. Initially, the Clerk had expected this to be a simple request, but the response from the hosting agency was not as anticipated. Eventually, the company responsible for the display completed and submitted our application in less than five minutes. The Clerk presented the completed application for Board review.

OTHER BUSINESS

➤ **Updates**

- The Clerk presented the letter as requested by the Board of Assessors addressed to the Rangeley Board of Selectmen regarding the topic of Regional police and code enforcement. The Board signed off and requested the Clerk mail it out the following day.
- The Clerk presented a copy of the proposed warrant, noting that she wanted to ensure the Board was not caught by surprise by the new format and order of the articles.
- Assessor Varney offered the Board an update regarding cell tower conversations and informed them of a phone meeting scheduled for tomorrow. The other Board members agreed he should move forward. He will update them as new information becomes available.
- There was a discussion concerning changes to the fee schedule and acceptable waste at the transfer station. The Board unanimously decided to remove tires as acceptable waste and to increase the oversized bulky waste (OBW) fees as follows: Mattresses and box springs of ALL sizes will be \$20, large sofas/couches will be \$20, small sofas/loveseats will be \$15, and stuffed chairs/recliners will be \$10. The clerk will update all print materials and the website to reflect the new information.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Tuesday, February 25, 2025

ADJOURN MEETING

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.