

MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING

Date: June 17, 2025
Time: 3:30 PM
Meeting called to order by: Steve Carr, 1st Assessor

IN ATTENDANCE

Steve Carr, Joanne Taylor, Rodney Varney, Ethna L. Thompson
Leslie Ferguson, Public

ABSENT

OPEN MEETING

Opened meeting at 3:30 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- June 3, 2025, BOA Regular Meeting
The Board approved the minutes as submitted.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

- LUPC Building Permit Report
Two additional permits have been logged since the last meeting:
A revised forest management plan for Saddleback
A service drop to connect power to a seasonal campsite located at 12 Red Moose Lane
- E-waste & Tire Disposal Follow Up
AVCOG provided information regarding e-waste disposal. The Board requested an estimate of costs based on the types and volume of e-waste currently generated at the facility.
Patrick from Casella offered a tire disposal option using a dumpster at the same rate as demolition containers, with an additional cost of \$180 per ton. The Board expressed interest in a one-time dumpster drop to collect all existing tires and be done with them.

The Board directed the Clerk to follow up with the provider identified by AVCOG to obtain a cost estimate for e-waste disposal and to coordinate with Casella to arrange for a one-time tire dumpster, confirming logistics and final pricing.

NEW BUSINESS

- Warrant(s) 75, 76, & 77 Disbursement Review/Sign
Warrant 75 was reviewed and signed during the meeting off week and warrants 76 & 77 were reviewed and signed during the meeting.

- **Certified Ratio Impact**
The Clerk provided a brief overview of the impact of the current certified ratio (59%) on the Homestead Exemption, as requested by the Board of Assessors. With the certified ratio applied, the \$25,000 exemption is reduced to \$14,750 in assessed value. This results in lower tax relief for residents and highlights how a lower ratio reduces the effectiveness of property tax exemptions.
- **Heating Fuel Pre-buy**
The Clerk reviewed pre-buy pricing information from the current provider, offering a rate of \$3.199/gallon for an estimated 660 gallons (based on a two-year average). The previous two-season average was \$3.82/gallon.
The Board directed the Clerk to follow up with the provider to confirm whether payment could be made after the start of the new fiscal year. If confirmed, the Clerk was authorized to proceed with the pre-buy.

OTHER BUSINESS

- **Remind Notification Services**
The Clerk reported that a Remind account has been set up, and a Facebook post is scheduled to invite registered voters to sign up for election reminders. This service will initially be offered only to registered voters as an additional communication method.

Assessor Taylor expressed concern that non-registered voters might feel excluded. The Clerk responded that the messaging will clarify this is specific to election-related reminders and will direct non-residents to other available community information sources.
- **Fireworks Permit Application**
The Board received a fireworks permit application from Gail Egounis for a July 5th show on the Barbara Shaughnessy property on Raymond Road. The Board reviewed the setback requirements to ensure compliance. Assessor Varney will conduct a site visit to verify the site meets all requirements. Additionally, an extra name must be added to the permit as the permittee, since it differs from the individual authorized in writing to conduct the display.

The Board also requested that the Clerk notify residents about the upcoming fireworks display via the Plantation's website and Facebook page.
- **Transfer Station Attendant Position**
Assessor Taylor inquired about the status of applications for the open Transfer Station Attendant position. The Clerk confirmed that no applications have been received to date.
- **Town Office Appearance**
Assessor Taylor will prepare the Town Hall grounds before the Annual Town Meeting by mulching the entry area and planting flowers in the sign box.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, July 1, 2025, 3:30 PM Regular BOA Meeting

ADJOURN MEETING

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.