MEETING MINUTES

BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING

Date:	September 29, 2026
Time:	3:30 PM
Meeting called to order by:	Joanne Taylor, 2nd Assessor

IN ATTENDANCE
Assessors: Joanne Taylor, Second Assessor; Erin Johnson, Third Assessor
Staff: Ethna L. Thompson, BOA Secretary
Public: Cliff Raymond

ABSENT
Rodney Varney, First Assessor

OPEN MEETING
The meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by Assessor Taylor.

PUBLIC COMMENT
No public comment was recorded.

APPROVE MINUTES
The September 15, 2026, regular meeting minutes were approved by motion of Assessor Taylor and second by Assessor Johnson.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

LUPC Building Permit Report
The Clerk reported a new short-term rental self-certification filed with LUPC since the previous meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Warrant(s) Disbursement Review/Sign
Warrants were reviewed and signed during the public meeting in accordance with the Board's standard practice.

OTHER BUSINESS

Administrative Updates

Edelheid Road/Route 4 Entrance – Wagner Request
The Clerk reported receiving a request from Joe Lesnikoski, representing Wagner, regarding a proposed modification to the existing Edelheid Road/Route 4 entrance to improve the approach configuration and accommodate right-turn access onto Route 4. The request relates to logging operations utilizing right-of-way access from Edelheid Road.

The Clerk noted that the proposed work could involve significant costs not anticipated in the current budget and that additional information would be necessary to evaluate the request, including the scope of work, potential Maine DOT requirements, and responsibility for associated costs.

The Board directed the Clerk to contact Mr. Lesnikoski and request a sketch illustrating the proposed improvements to the entrance apron for further review.

2026 Property Revaluation and Tax Commitment
The Clerk reported that the Assessors' Agent had advised that the 2026 tax commitment would be delayed by approximately two weeks to allow for completion of revaluation data entry, property sketches, and opportunities for property owners to meet with the assessing team before values are finalized.

The Clerk will prepare and distribute a public notice through the Plantation's communication platforms and at the Transfer Station. Meeting dates will be announced when available.

Regional Funding Formula Subcommittee
Assessor Johnson discussed the scheduling of the regional funding formula subcommittee's initial meeting, touching on the request from Franklin County to meet sooner than previously discussed.

Assessor Johnson and the Clerk understood that October 13 had been tentatively identified as a meeting date through earlier discussions among participating municipalities. The Clerk will follow up to confirm scheduling and coordinate with the participating representatives.

Town Line Sign at Saddleback
Assessor Johnson requested an update regarding installation of the town line sign at the Sandy River Plantation/Dallas Plantation boundary near Saddleback.

The Clerk acknowledged that the previously directed follow-up had not yet been completed and indicated that she would contact Dallas Plantation regarding its interest in participating in the signage and the Transfer Station Attendant regarding installation.

Election Day Preparations
Assessor Johnson inquired about Election Day preparations and the Board's role in the process. Assessor Taylor indicated that election administration is handled by the Clerk and that no additional Board involvement was necessary.

Municipal Sand Box
Assessor Taylor raised concerns regarding the condition and accessibility of the existing municipal sand box. The Board discussed possible alternatives, including livestock feeders and self-tipping containers with lids. The Clerk will research available options.

The Board also discussed the Plantation's practice of making up to two pails of sand per storm available to taxpayers. The Clerk will review the municipal website and add or update this information, potentially on the Roads page, as appropriate.

Calendar
October 13, 2026, at 3:30 PM – Regular Board of Assessors Meeting.

Adjourn
The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 PM by motion of Assessor Johnson and second by Assessor Taylor.

Respectfully submitted,
Ethna L. Thompson, Clerk

These minutes are a summary of the meeting and not a verbatim transcript.