

# MEETING MINUTES

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEETING

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Date: December 3, 2024  
Time: 4:00 PM  
Meeting called to order by: Steve Carr, 1<sup>st</sup> Assessor

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### IN ATTENDANCE

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

### ABSENT

None

### OPEN MEETING

Opened meeting at 4:00 PM

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- November 19, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes  
The Board approved the minutes as submitted.

### CONTINUING BUSINESS

- Code Enforcement Local Control Follow-up Conversation  
After reviewing the communication from Ben Godsoe, Planning Manager at LUPC, and carefully considering the options and their impacts, the Board determined that neither regional planning (with Rangeley or other Plantations) nor the individual management of planning would be beneficial to Sandy River Plantation.
- LUPC Building Permit Report  
An updated copy of the report displaying current permit details/issuance was circulated.
- Stream Crossing Grant Agreement  
The Board discussed options for obtaining an engineering opinion on the projected project cost without incurring a large upfront expense that was not budgeted, including reaching out to local area contractors, M&H, Vining, and personally known engineers.

- TIF District  
The Board considered the potential benefits of establishing a TIF (Tax Increment Financing) district but ultimately determined that it would not benefit the community. The location of the proposed TIF district and the lack of municipal infrastructure in the area were key factors in this decision. Without the necessary infrastructure to support public services and development, the TIF would primarily serve to finance private projects within the district, without providing substantial community-wide benefits. As a result, the Board concluded that pursuing a TIF district would not be a viable option at this time.
- Transfer Station Entrance Culvert Update  
The Clerk indicated that she spoke directly with a MEDOT employee who indicated, they are aware of the issue and it is slated as a Spring project.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Warrant(s) #33, 34, & 35 Disbursement Review/Sign  
Warrant 33 was signed in the previous week/off meeting weeks and warrants 34 & 35 were reviewed and signed at the meeting.
- Driveway/Entrance Permit Application Medeiros Lane  
The Board reviewed the submitted driveway/entrance permit and approved it as submitted. There was an additional conversation about the policy regulating these permits and a question regarding the authority to require a permit on a private road. The Clerk will review and update the Board at the next meeting.
- Franklin County EMA Funding Proposal  
The Board reviewed the funding request submitted by Franklin County EMA and voted to respond that no funds are available, as this project was not included in the budget.
- Saddleback Snow Removal Response Time Concerns  
A representative from Saddleback, present at the previous meeting, expressed concerns about the response time for plowing and shoulder cleanup during the upcoming season. They inquired whether it would be acceptable for them to perform the necessary work, as they have the required equipment available. The Board instructed the Clerk to respond, acknowledging their concerns but explaining that, due to liability issues, they cannot authorize private vehicle maintenance on a municipal road that is already under contract with another provider and to offer the office phone number and email as a means of reporting any concerns/issues during the season.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Website Update  
The Clerk updated the Board that a new domain name has been secured following the data breach with the previous one, and the information has been sent to the website development company. The company has started working on the Plantation site and will reach out later this month to continue the process.

➤ **InforME Services Update**

The Clerk began this project four months ago to ensure the necessary services were in place for the website launch. However, the process has been less than smooth, with multiple communication delays. Despite this, she is actively working to get things moving.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

➤ Tuesday, December 17, 2024

**ADJOURN MEETING**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM