



Town of Newcastle

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FROM: Kevin L. Sutherland, Interim Town Manager
TO: Newcastle Select Board
CC: Town Staff
DATE: September 11, 2023
RE: Town Manager Report

Amendment to the Agenda Request

I'd like to request a Select Board member make a motion to amend the agenda this evening to address two rather time sensitive assessment items for approval and signature.

One being a supplemental assessment (tax warrant and tax certificate) for an omitted parcel of land from our software in the amount of \$609.60.

Another being an abatement for a parcel that has been transferred numerous times that is/was returning to Farmspace application status in the amount of \$441.60.

All three signature documents are attached to this report, and I will have a copy for you to sign at the meeting should you choose to include as part of the meeting.

Hurricane Lee

We're in regular communication with Lincoln County Emergency Management about the most recent projections on Hurricane Lee. It is not expected to make direct landfall in the U.S., but the East Coast from central Florida to Maine will see rough surf and life-threatening rip currents starting Monday and the threat will expand to the northeast and Canadian coasts by midweek. Models are favoring Lee to pass to the east of New England and run into Nova Scotia, but there is still uncertainty, especially with the storm widening in size as it accelerates north. Parts of New England including our region should experience some rain and gusty wind as Lee passes by the end of the weekend. This may cause storm surge, rip currents as well as tree damage, road washouts, and local flooding in problem spots.

Here are some places to get more information:

Planning office maps that show the potential impact on towns and roads in our area from storm surge/flooding
https://lcrpc.org/uploads/visual_edit/lincolncounty-full-v5.pdf

From the State of Maine, Slosh Models can be found here. <https://www.maine.gov/dacf/mgs/hazards/slosh/index.shtml>

Hurricane Tracking/forecasting information:

<https://www.trackthetropics.com/lee-2023/>

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>

<https://www.cyclocane.com/lee-spaghetti-models/>

<https://spaghettimodels.com/>

www.Windy.com

Great Salt Bay Sanitary District Utility Work

Due in part to the impending weather this week and upcoming weekend, the work on Pump, Cross, and Glidden will start next Monday. Some staging may occur this week but expect to see some slight delays or detours in the downtown area to accommodate the infrastructure improvements.

Historic Preservation Ordinance

The planning board is holding a public hearing on the proposed Historic Preservation Ordinance on September 21st and will be considering their next steps or make additional modifications before it would go before the Select Board and a Special Town Meeting Warrant consideration (tentatively mid-November).

DR-4719 – May Day Storm

We had our exploratory call with FEMA last week. Thanks to both our Fire Chief Casey and Seth for participating in that conversation. While we have some work to do, we have a much better handle on making sure what we need to do to capture everything and are reimbursed to the greatest extent.

Town Fee Schedule

At our August 28th meeting, we had a brief discussion on fees specifically related to the Traffic and Parking Ordinance but also in general. I have not been able to find Select Board votes taken on previous fees, so we will look to bring a comprehensive list of all Town determined fees to the September 25th meeting for your review and consideration.

Town Clerk Interviews

We've wrapped up the interview process and pending reference checks will hopefully be making an offer this week for Select Board confirmation of appointment at the September 25th meeting.

SUPPLEMENTAL TAX WARRANT
36 M.R.S.A., SECTIONS 713, 713-A AND 713-B

County of Lincoln, State of Maine

To Michelle Cameron, Tax Collector of the Town of Newcastle;

Hereby are committed to you a true list of the assessments of the estates of the persons hereinafter named.

You are hereby directed to levy and collect of each of the several persons named in said lists his
respective portion, therein set down, of the sum of

Six Hundred Nine Dollars and Sixty cents (\$ 609.60)

It being the amount of said list; and all powers of the previous warrant for the collection of taxes issued
by us to you and dated July 27, 2023 and are extended thereto; and we do hereby certify that the list of
assessments of estates of the persons named in said list is a supplemental assessment by virtue of Title 36,
M.R.S.A. Section 713, as amended, and that the estates and assessments thereon as set forth in said list
was omitted from the original list unto you under our warrant dated July 27, 2023.

| Number Reason | Name | Map/Lot | Account | Amount |
|---|-------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| 2023-2024 001 | HALLAS, LLC | 005-004-002 | RE 1716 | 609.60 |
| The property owner retained 9.8/- acres on a property transfer to Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust. Assessor's Agent did not understand the complexities of a 4 property division and retention. | | | | |

IN WITNESS THEREOF, We have given under our hand September 11, 2023

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SUPPLEMENTAL TAX CERTIFICATE
36 M.R.S.A., SECTIONS 713, 713-A AND 713-B

We, the undersigned Assessors for the Town of Newcastle hereby certify that:

The following list of estates and the assessments thereon were omitted from our original valuation and lists made July 27, 2023; that these lists are supplemental to the aforesaid original warrant and are made by virtue of Title 36 M.R.S.A., Section 713 as amended.

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**TOWN OF NEWCASTLE
BOARD OF ASSESSOR ABATEMENT**

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, that the accounts listed, contain a list of the valuations of the estates, Real and Personal, to be abated for the fiscal year 2023-2024, located in the Town of Newcastle.
(numbering continued from previous abatement lists, if applicable)

| Fiscal Year | Name | Acct# | \$ Valuation | \$ Amount |
|--------------------|--|--------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 2023-2024 001 | US Bankcorp | PP 237 | 1,000 | 16.00 |
| | Property item was disposed prior to April 1 2023 | | | |
| 2023-2024 002 | Marlin Leasing | PP 249 | 5,200 | 83.20 |
| | Property item was disposed prior to April 1 2023 | | | |
| 2023-2024 003 | Heimsath-Rhodes | RE 452 | 21,400 | 342.40 |
| | Property returned a proper Farmspace Application after a series of property transfers The situation is related to abatement 2023-2024-001 | | | |

Total \$ 441. 60

Year to Date \$ 441.60

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