

Town of Northport

Select Board Meeting

September 8, 2025 @ 6:15 pm

Chair: Breanna Pinkham Bebb  
Vice Chair: Jeanine Tucker  
Municipal Officer: Molly Schaffler  
Town Administrator: James Kossuth

Finance Director: Vicki Eugley  
Road Commissioner: Amon Morse  
NVC Representative: Janae Novotny

**Present:** Breanna Pinkham Bebb, Jeanine Tucker, Molly Schaffler, James Kossuth, Vicki Eugley, Amon Morse, Steve Roodhouse, Gregg Imus, Janae Novotny.

**Citizen Concerns:** None at this time.

**Planning Board:** Roodhouse introduced himself to the Board and explained his background and interest in joining the Planning Board.

***Schaffler moved to appoint Steve Roodhouse to the Planning Board, seconded by Tucker. Board voted 3-0, appointment approved.***

**Northport Village Corporation:** Novotny reported that the Village is still trying to locate the water leak in the system. Novotny, the Board, and Kossuth discussed the status of the pedestrian and traffic safety committee. Kossuth explained that he has spoken to some residents and is trying to recruit members.

**Road Commissioner:** Morse reported that the winter road sand had been delivered. He is working with the paving contractor and the Village Agent on how to handle the water covers on Broadway. He also reported that the contractor had ordered the culvert extensions for the Schoolhouse Brook bridge widening project. Morse reported that he is trying to fix the speed feedback sign near The Hoot.

**Town Administrator: Pre-mortem / Contingency Planning:** Kossuth and the Board spoke about planning for the pre-mortem exercise. Kossuth described how the exercise would proceed and what participants would need to do in order to prepare.

**North Ave Shore stabilization:** Kossuth reported that he had received a request from Paul Overgaag that the Board consider reimbursing him for the cost of the seawall work that he had done in the right of way at the end of North Ave. The Board was grateful that he had undertaken the work, but agreed that the Town could not reimburse him for work he had already done.

**Fundraising Committee update – fall event:** Kossuth reported that the Fundraising Committee’s planning for Northportpalooza is in full swing. The Board discussed the plans for the event.

**Community Resilience Partnership Grant update:** Kossuth reported that he had submitted the Town’s Community Action Grant (CAG) application on August 29 for a Town-wide stormwater survey and two-year pilot program for food waste at the Transfer Station. The Town should hear the results by the end of the year. Kossuth reported that there is an upcoming grant deadline for a waste-diversion grant that the Town could apply for in case the CAG application for the pilot program is successful. The Board agreed that the second grant application would not be necessary. If the CAG application is unsuccessful, the Town could consider other options for waste diversion.

**Shore Road Stabilization update:** Kossuth reported that he had heard from Jay McCrum, who is still unable to meet with Kossuth and Gartley & Dorsky about the seawall on his property. Kossuth recommended to the Board that the Town proceed with the project exclusively within the Town's right of way. The Board agreed.

**Minutes:** Kossuth presented the Board with minutes for the Select Board meeting of August 25. The Board approved the minutes with edits.

**Tax Collector: Abatement:** On behalf of the Tax Collector, Kossuth presented the Board with a request to abate property taxes for 184 Belfast Road (Map R2, Lot 29) for \$390.39, because it had been mistakenly taxed as part of two different parcels and this account should have been deleted.

***Pinkham Bebb moved to abate the taxes of \$390.39 for R2-29 and delete the account, seconded by Tucker. Board voted 3-0, motion approved.***

**Municipal Valuation:** Kossuth presented the Board with the 2025 Municipal Valuation Return as prepared by the Town's assessing agent. The Board reviewed and signed the Return.

**Finance Director: Warrants:** Eugley provided the Payroll & Accounts Payable warrants to the Board for review and approval. The Board approved and signed the Payroll & Accounts Payable warrants.

**School Funding EPS update:** Eugley reported that she and Kossuth had met with Peter Gallace, the Drinkwater School Superintendent, to talk about the Town's state funding for schools. Gallace told them that many school districts are unhappy with their state funding amounts and that there are efforts underway to re-evaluate the funding formula.

**Unfinished Business:** None at this time.

**New Business: Reschedule October 13 Meeting:** Pinkham Bebb asked that the meeting scheduled for October 13 be rescheduled because of the holiday. Because of the Planning Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, the Board agreed to move the meeting to Wednesday, October 15, at 6:15pm.

**Executive Session under 1 MRSA § 405(6)(C) to discuss or consider the use of real property or interests therein.**

***Pinkham Bebb opened the Executive Session at 7:07pm.***

***Pinkham Bebb closed the Executive Session at 8:07pm.***

No action taken.

***Adjourn: Tucker moved to adjourn at 8:10pm, seconded by Pinkham Bebb. Board voted 3-0, meeting adjourned.***

Respectfully submitted by,

James Kossuth, Town Administrator