

Town of Northport
Special Select Board Meeting
April 19, 2022 6:00 pm

Chair: Shelly Patten

Finance Director: Vicki Eugley

Vice Chair: Jeanine Tucker

Town Clerk: Amy Eldridge

Municipal Officer: Breanna Pinkham Bebb

Road Commissioner: Amon Morse- Approved Absence

Town Administrator: James Kossuth

NVC Representative: Jeffery Wilt

Present: Shelly Patten, Jeanine Tucker, Breanna Pinkham Bebb, James Kossuth, Vicki Eugley, Amy Eldridge, Janae Novotny, Drinkwater School Superintendent Margaret (Peg) Long, School Board Member Sandy Wallace.

New Business: Kossuth opened the meeting at 6:05 pm. Eugley stated the School Board was available to report on the School Budget. The Edna Drinkwater School Superintendent Margaret (Peg) Long provided the Board with the School Budget for the 2022 – 2023 fiscal year. She reported the budget increased by 3.32% over last year. A few areas for the increased costs are special needs and student population. The School Board has decreased costs as much as possible. Long reported the American Rescue Plan Funds have covered Title I programs for the School. Long was happy to report the budget is \$137,416.77 lower than the 2014-2015 budget from before the withdrawal from Regional School Unit (RSU) 71. Long reported that she is working with Mac Electric to find a generator that will support the entire school. The School has grant money for a generator and they are hoping to find one soon. The Board thanked Long and Wallace for all they have done for the School and Town. Long and Wallace appreciate all the support from the Town and expressed their love for the school.

Tucker reported on a letter that she received from Sheriff Trafton about becoming an Age Friendly Community. The Board feels more information is needed on how to become an Age Friendly Community. Kossuth will research and keep the Board updated on any further information received.

Town Clerk: The Board requested to table review of minutes for Feb 28, March 7, and March 14 until the next Selectboard Meeting. The Board reviewed the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held on June 6, 2022 at the Drinkwater School. The Board provided feedback on updates needed to the warrant. Eldridge will contact Lee Woodward Jr. to see if he would be available to moderate the Annual Town Meeting.

Northport Village Corporation (NVC): Novotny stated the Board has done a wonderful job with the budget because she has seen everything they have reviewed and discussed to determine the budget.

Novotny asked the Board how Northport Village Corporation residents would know what funds were requested from the Village. The Board provided Novotny with the warrant article, which shows the breakdown of funding sources for the NVC's request.

Finance Director:

Eugley provided the Board with 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Budget Workbooks updates and remaining accounts to discuss. Tucker stated she would like \$250,000.00 taken from Fund Balance to further minimize the taxes for property owners. Pinkham Bebb and Patten agreed that the amount used from Fund Balance should remain at \$200,000.00. Upon further discussion the amount used from Fund Balance will remain at \$200,000.00. The Board also discussed budget options for Winter Sand. Frank Feener won the contract, and the Town will contact him to discuss partial delivery of sand before June 30, if possible, to save money in the 2022-2023 budget.

Executive Session, Pursuant to 1 MRSA § 405(6)(C) to discuss the disposition of publicly held property: ***Under motion of Patten, seconded by Tucker, the Board voted 3-0 to enter Executive Session at 7:10 pm per MRSA, Title 1, § 405 (6)(C).***

Under motion of Pinkham Bebb, seconded by Patten, the Board voted 3-0 to return to regular Session at 7:20 pm.

Tucker motioned to issue a Municipal Quit Claim Deed for James Butters as trustee 50% and Sandra Butters 50%, for 9 North Avenue, Northport Maine, Map U05 L 149, releasing the property. Seconded by Pinkham Bebb. Board Voted 3-0.

Adjourned:

Pinkham Bebb motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 pm, seconded by Patten. Board voted 3-0

Respectfully Submitted by,

Amy Eldridge, Town Clerk