

Town of Northport  
Select Board Meeting  
August 8, 2022 @ 6:00 pm

Chair: Shelly Patten  
Vice Chair: Jeanine Tucker  
Municipal Officer: Breanna Pinkham Bebb  
Town Administrator: James Kossuth

Finance Director: Vicki Eugley  
Town Clerk: Amy Eldridge  
Road Commissioner: Amon Morse  
NVC Representative: Jeffrey Wilt

**Present:** Shelly Patten, Jeanine Tucker, Breanna Pinkham Bebb, James Kossuth, Vicki Eugley, Amy Eldridge, Amon Morse, Jeffrey Wilt, Janae Novotny.

**Citizen Concerns:** none at this time

**On-Premises License Renewal:** Kossuth provided the Board with the on-premises liquor license renewal and a Special Amusement Permit Application from Anna Poto, owner of The Hoot. Kossuth reported a Public Hearing for the Special Amusement Permit will be August 18, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

***Pinkham Bebb motioned to approve the on-premises liquor license application for Anna Poto, owner of The Hoot, seconded by Tucker. Board voted 3-0. Motion passed.***

**Northport Village Corporation (NVC):** Wilt reported the Annual Northport Village Corporation meeting is August 9, 2022. Wilt stated that he is running for a one-year term as Overseer. Fred Lincoln, Celine Bewsher, and Elaine Moss are candidates for two openings on the Board of Overseers. The Election will take place at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday August 9, 2022, at 6 pm.

Wilt reported 73 people showed up for a meeting that Brady Brim-DeForest held to talk about the building permit he is requesting, and which will be in front of the Planning Board on August 9. Wilt reported that some residents are very upset about the proposed apartment building and convenience/farm store for 413 Bluff Road. Wilt stated the meeting was a good opportunity to communicate everyone's concerns. Novotny provided a petition to the Board to reschedule the August 9 Planning Board meeting, and requested the petition be provided to the Planning Board.

Wilt reported the wharf was used a lot over the last week due to the humid temperatures. The NVC is considering marking a specific area for swimming to reduce dangers to swimmers and boaters. They have been speaking with Harbormaster Scott Munroe about possibly limiting the number of moorings.

**Road Commissioner:** Morse reported F.C. Work & Sons Inc. is working on putting in gravel on Knights Pond Road and they have finished ditching on Rocky Road and Prescott Hill Road. Tucker expressed appreciation for the work they completed on Rocky Road.

**School Zone Signs:** Kossuth reported that Morse and he reviewed possible signs for the school zone. Kossuth requested approval to purchase signs for the school. The Maine Department of Transportation recommends flashing signs with the speed limit, as well as reflective signs warning of the school zone ahead. The Board requested that Kossuth order reflective signs for Bayside Road and Cross Street for now.

Driveway/parking: Morse reported Coastal Mountains Land Trust reached out about a driveway/parking area for their new property on Prescott Hill Road between Piper Stream Road and Piper Stream itself.

Eugley provided the Board with follow up on the Allen's Environmental Invoice for catch basin cleaning. The Town has a total of 71 catch basins, 44 for the Town and 27 for NVC, and the maintenance cost is \$120.00 for each catch basin each year.

Kossuth asked if the Town and NVC want to have an infrastructure meeting to discuss roads in the Village. Wilt suggested scheduling a meeting after the NVC Annual Town Meeting, since there will be a new infrastructure Chairperson. Wilt mentioned that doing a walking tour to better understand the area would be nice.

**Town Administrator:**

Cliff Road: Kossuth reported the contractor who did the ditching for the electrical work will be fixing Cliff Road tomorrow. The problem that remains is the CMP line runs underground and is lying on top of a section of the culvert. Kossuth is going to work with CMP on a resolution.

Halloween 2021 Storm FEMA: Kossuth provided the Board with information about communication he has received from FEMA about the Halloween Storm. FEMA has given the Town until September 2023 to wrap everything up. The Board thanked Kossuth for all of the extra work he has had to provide to FEMA.

Investment Committee: Kossuth reported The First Bank mentioned that interest rates are going up and asked if the Town would be interested putting funds into a certificate of deposit (CD). Eugley recommends investing \$500,000.00 in a CD for 6 months. The Board authorized Eugley to proceed with her recommendation.

Tax Bill Insert: Kossuth mentioned to the Board about having an insert put into the tax bills. He explained that the insert could include a recap of the new tax stabilization law, information on the \$850.00 State refund check, and a sign-up for the Town newsletter email list. The Board agreed to add the insert.

Town Clerk: Eldridge provided the minutes for April 25, 2022, May 9, 2022 and May 23, 2022, to the Select Board for review. The Board approved the minutes with corrections.

Finance Director: Eugley provided the Payroll & Accounts Payable Warrants to the Select Board for review and signature. She reported there is a request for \$3,200.00 for first responders. Two volunteers will be taking a first responders course for the Town. The Board approved the Payroll & Accounts Payable Warrants.

Old Business: Pinkham Bebb asked for an update on the Butters Cottage. Kossuth reported that both owners have different ideas for the cottage. A compromise has not been determined at this time but they have until October 2022 to begin to fix the cottage or the Code Enforcement Officer will take further action on the property.

New Business: The Board discussed the proposal for 413 Bluff Road. Kossuth will keep the Board posted on any changes.

**Adjourn:** *Patten motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm, seconded by Tucker. Board voted 3-0, motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy Eldridge