

Town of Northport
Select Board Meeting
July 11, 2022 @ 6:04 pm

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

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

Present: Jeanine Tucker, Breanna Pinkham Bebb, James Kossuth, Vicki Eugley, Amon Morse, Mark Lynch, Anne Perry, Jeffrey Wilt, Bart Calder, and Charles Emerson (All States Materials Group).

Citizen Concerns: None at this time.

Bid Opening: Kossuth provided the bids for road projects on Knights Pond Road; Bluff Road; and the combined project on Prescott Hill Road, Saturday Cove Road, and Rocky Road to the Board for review, after the Board had tabled the bids at the previous meeting.

Due to the high cost of paving, Tucker asked whether the scope of work for Bluff Road and Knights Pond Road could be modified, to include only the ditching and rip-rap, without any paving on those roads. Emerson agreed to modify the scope of work to exclude paving from those two projects.

Pinkham Bebb motioned to award the bids for all the projects to All States Materials Group, as modified, to exclude paving for Bluff Road and Knights Pond Road, for a total contract price of \$463,667.59. Seconded by Tucker, Board voted 2-0.

Tucker thanked the residents of Bluff Road in attendance for their understanding and patience with the Town's decision not to pave Bluff Road this year because of the high cost of asphalt.

Northport Golf Club: Kossuth provided the Board with the Northport Golf Club's (NGC) application for a renewal of its on-premises liquor license. Tucker asked if there had been any complaints or concerns about the NGC's operations in the past year, and heard none.

Tucker motioned to approve the NGC's on-premises liquor license. Seconded by Pinkham Bebb, Board voted 2-0.

Northport Village Corporation (NVC): Wilt reported that the sewage tanks had been pumped out the week before, which is part of the work required to keep the NVC's sewage treatment license in good standing.

Wilt reported that the new playground will have a dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony at the playground on July 31 at 4:00pm, and that all are invited.

The NVC will hold its annual meeting on August 9 at 6:00pm, outdoors on the basketball court at Ruggles Park.

Wilt reported that the NVC Overseers are still dealing with problems caused by homeowners encroaching on the Town's right-of-ways within the NVC.

Wilt also reported that the NVC Overseers are considering a new price schedule for the rental of the Community Hall.

Road Commissioner: Morse reported on the damage done to Cliff Road by private contractors doing work for a residence there. He believes that the electrical wires running under Cliff Road should not be there at all, and may be interfering with the cross-culvert that is there. Kossuth reported that he is working with the paving contractor to schedule a time to repair the road, and he is also trying to find out when and how the electrical wires were buried under Cliff Road.

Morse reported that he will be repairing the pavement at the intersection of Knights Pond Road and Beech Hill Road, where the pavement above the cross-culvert has sunk a little bit, creating a dip in the road.

Town Administrator:

Route 1 Paving – Kossuth reported that Maine DOT will begin work on Route 1 in the coming weeks. They will be repaving the portion of Route 1 from just north of Pound Hill Road up to the Belfast city line.

FEMA – Kossuth is continuing to work with the Federal Emergency Management Agency to complete the Town’s reimbursement request for the Halloween storm in 2021.

GWJ Shed Location – Kossuth reported that he has been communicating with GWJ about a suitable location for the shed to house GWJ’s routers and equipment for the fiber-optic internet in Town. GWJ would like to use a portion of the Town-owned parcel next to East Side Cemetery on Horse Jockey Lane. Tucker asked Kossuth to invite GWJ to an upcoming meeting so that GWJ can answer the Board’s questions about the proposed shed.

Investment Committee – Kossuth had included a call for volunteers for an investment committee in the July email newsletter and received two responses. The Board would like the committee to have at least three members, and Kossuth will continue to seek volunteers.

Transfer Station – Kossuth had spoken to Tim Patten, Transfer Station Supervisor, after the new rate for the trash stickers had gone into effect, and he reported that Patten said that it had gone relatively well. The Town had received some constructive feedback from residents about the increased fees, and Kossuth will try to implement that feedback for the new demo debris / bulk trash fee schedule, which goes into effect on August 1.

Maine Municipal Association Legislative Policy Committee – Kossuth reported that he is running as a write-in candidate for the MMA’s Legislative Policy Committee for the next state legislative session. The Board thanked him and voted for him.

Waldo County Budget Committee Caucus – The Waldo County Commissioners are holding a budget committee caucus on August 4 at 11:30 am and are seeking a volunteer from each municipality to attend. Tucker volunteered to attend.

Town Clerk: Nothing at this time.

Finance Director: Eugley provided the Payroll & Accounts Payable Warrants to the Board for review and signature. The Board approved the Payroll and Accounts Payable Warrants.

Eugley also presented the proposed tax commitment for FY23 with a choice of three different mil rates.

Pinkham Bebb motioned to set the mil rate for FY23 at 15.90. Tucker seconded, Board voted 2-0.

Old Business: None at this time.

New Business: None at this time.

Adjourn: *Pinkham Bebb motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm, seconded by Tucker. Board voted 2-0.*

Respectfully submitted by,

James Kossuth