

Town of Northport

Select Board Meeting

October 24, 2022 @ 6:03 pm

Chair: Shelly Patten

Vice Chair: Jeanine Tucker –Approved absence

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 - Absent

Present: Shelly Patten, Jeanine Tucker, Breanna Pinkham Bebb, James Kossuth, Vicki Eugley, Amy Eldridge, Amon Morse, Deb Eaton, Anne Shavez, Code Enforcement Officer Toupie Rooney, State Rep. Jan Dodge, Joseph Berube.

Citizen Concerns: Deb Eaton is concerned about a loud booming noise near her home and provided the Board with copies of incident reports that she had provided to the Waldo County Sheriff's Department. She would like the Board to consider a Noise Ordinance for the Town. She has spoken to the State Police and the Sheriff's Department about the noise, which she believes is coming from a neighbor's property, but they told her that nothing can be done without a Noise Ordinance. The Board would like to do some research to see if they can determine the source of the noises. Pinkham Bebb would like someone to go talk with the property owner about the explosions. The Board advised Eaton and Shavez to report any future incidents to the Sheriff's Department.

Rep. Jan Dodge asked the Board if there was anything they would like to see her focus on to further support the Town. The Board thanked Rep. Dodge for her continued support and provided feedback.

Joseph Berube introduced himself to the Board. He expressed to the Board his feelings about paving Knights Pond Road. He feels that Leeman Drive would benefit more if paved. Morse mentioned that the Town was only looking to pave up to the cemetery. Berube also stated Morse did a great job with the improvements on Knights Pond Road. Pinkham Bebb thanked Berube for providing his feedback.

Employee recognition: Pinkham Bebb thanked Tim Patten for 20 years of service to the Town as Transfer Station attendant and supervisor. The Board wanted to recognize Patten for his continued dedication and hard work at the Transfer Station and will be presenting him with a plaque.

NVC: not present

Road Commissioner: Morse reported that Bayside Road has been painted with "SCHOOL AHD (ahead)" and white lines along the edge of the road from the school exit to Cross Street. Morse had concerns about the white lines not being straight and was going to speak with the contractor. Kossuth mentioned that he spoke to the Waldo County Sheriff's Department and asked them to conduct speed details periodically at the school.

Morse also reported that roadside brush cutting in the Town rights-of-way around Town was looking good.

Town Administrator: Kossuth reported the Town had received thank-you notes from recipients of the Town social service donations. Kossuth also reported that he had received a complaint about the Transfer Station price. The resident requested that Kossuth provide his feedback to the Board.

School Zone signs/update: Kossuth reported that new school zone signs have been ordered and delivery may take as long as 2 months.

Election Day handout/survey: Kossuth provided the Board with a draft of a survey that will be available on Election Day. The Board provided feedback on the survey.

Waldo County Conservation Initiative: Kossuth reported that Jim Krosschell reached out to him about the Coastal Mountain Land Trust's (CMLT) new initiative to focus on preserving land in Waldo County. Kossuth provided a copy of the brochure to the Board. Kossuth will attend the meeting on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, and report back to the Board.

Holding Tank Application: Kossuth presented the Board with an application to install a holding tank in Temple Heights. Code Enforcement Officer Rooney stated the property can't accommodate a septic tank. The owners will have an alarm for the holding tank and Moore's Septic will pump the tank at least once a year. The Board approved and signed the Holding Tank Application.

Town Office / Fire Station Project: Pinkham Bebb would like to schedule a meeting with the 2A architects, llc, to work towards finalizing the design for the new Town Office. Kossuth will set up a time with 2A architect, llc, at a future Select Board meeting.

Town Clerk: Eldridge provided the August 22, 2022, September 12, 2022, and October 9, 2022 minutes to the Board to review and approve. The Board approved the minutes with corrections.

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

Old Business: Pinkham Bebb asked about the Investment Committee. Kossuth provided the Board with an update on the Investment Committee, which has not yet met.

New Business: None at this time.

Executive Session: *Under motion of Patten, second by Pinkham Bebb, the Board voted 2-0 to enter Executive Session at 6:42pm per M.R.S.A. Title 1, §405(6), for discussion or consideration of the employment of an individual, motion passed.*

Under motion of Patten, second by Pinkham Bebb, the Board voted 2-0 to return to regular Session at 7:09pm, motion passed. No action taken.

Adjourn: Patten motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm, seconded by Pinkham Bebb. Board voted 2-0, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by

Amy Eldridge