

Town of Northport

Select Board Meeting

December 12, 2022 @ 6:04 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: Janae Novotny

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

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

**Adult Use Cannabis License Renewal:** John Lorenz provided the Board with his application for Adult Use Cannabis License Renewal. He provided an update on his business. He reported everything is going well. Prices have come down and he uses licensed Maine suppliers. He also said he hasn't had anyone under twenty one come through the door, and he is planning to discontinue his Medical Store and farming in Morrill.

***Pinkham Bebb motioned to approve the Adult Use Cannabis License Renewal application for John Lorenz of Sweet Relief, seconded by Patten. Board Voted 3-0, motion passed.***

**Public Hearing:** Tucker opened the hearing at 6:21 pm. Kossuth provided the Board with the updated General Assistance Ordinance Appendices for review, and explained the changes to the Appendices. Chairman Patten asked for any further questions or comments. Hearing none, the hearing closed at 6:27pm.

***Pinkham Bebb motioned to approve the General Assistance Ordinance, seconded by Tucker. Board Voted 3-0, motion passed.***

**Plowing:** Due to the absence of Bob Patterson, Kossuth provided the Board with an overview of what Patterson was requesting. The Board agreed that no further action was needed at this time.

**Northport Village Corporation (NVC):** Novotny reported NVC has hired James Mays as the temporary Office Manager. She also stated the Utilities Superintendent is retiring in 6 weeks and they will need to find a new superintendent or firm to run the Utilities Department.

**Road Commissioner:** Morse reported he has had trees down due to the heavy wind and rain the past couple of weeks. Kossuth stated he spoke to P.D.Q. (Pretty Darn Quick) Door Company, and they will come on December 14, 2022 to look at the door at the sand/salt shed. Kossuth also reported Michael Alley from B&R Electric LLC will disconnect the power for the new school signs when ready. Morse has scheduled the new school signs to go up after the holidays.

**Town Administrator:**

**Town Office/ Fire Station project:** Monday, December 19, 2022, is when a Special Select Board meeting will be held to discuss the design of a new Town Office/ Fire Station/ Community Center. The Board suggested having all available personnel at the meeting to provide optimal input.

MMA Legislative Policy Committee update: Kossuth reported the committee met last week and voted on the platform that is going to be presented to the legislature. He provided topics that were discussed and further actions that the committee will be taking.

Investment Committee update: Kossuth reported the Investment Committee met last week and they are off to a good start. The committee is going to talk to other towns to see what investment strategies they use. The committee is going to meet again at the end of December.

Town Clerk: Eldridge provided the minutes for October 24, 2022, November 14, 2022 and November 28, 2022 to the Board to review. The Board approved all of 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.

Wyman Needy Fund: Eugley informed the Board of the funds available to help needy residents using the Wyman Needy Fund. The Board agreed to get a gift card of \$40.00 and provide it to a family in need.

***Patten motioned to use \$40.00 from the Wyman Needy Fund to purchase a gift card for a family in need, and approval to transfer \$40.00 from the Wyman Needy Fund to the General Fund, seconded by Tucker. Board voted 3-0, motion passed.***

Alfond Center agreement: Eugley reported she will be attending a Human Resources class in Portland. Eugley asked for approval to submit a Memorandum of Agreement so the Harold Alfond Center for the Advancement of Maine's Workforce will help cover the cost of the class. The Board approved Eugley's request.

Old Business: None at this time.

**New Business:**

Woodshed: Pinkham Bebb provided the Board with an update on the Waldo County Woodshed.

Local Plumbing Inspector: Kossuth provided the Board with an update on the Deputy Local Plumbing Inspector applicant. The Board agreed to hire the applicant. The Board provided Kossuth with the hiring details and review period details.

Executive Session, pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405(6), for discussion or consideration of the employment of an individual.

***Under motion of Patten, seconded by Tucker. Board voted 3-0 to enter Executive Session at 7:33 pm, per M.R.S.A. 405(6), Title 1 for discussion or consideration of the employment of an individual, motion passed.***

***Under motion of Patten, seconded by Tucker. Board voted 3-0 to return to regular session at 7:52 pm, motion passed.*** No action taken.

**Adjourn:** ***Patten motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm, seconded by Tucker. Board voted 3-0, motion passed.***

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy Eldridge