

Town of Northport
Select Board Meeting
December 27, 2022 @ 6:05 pm

Chair: Shelly Patten (Approved Absence)

Vice Chair: Jeanine Tucker

Municipal Officer: Breanna Pinkham Bebb

Town Administrator: James Kossuth (Approved Absence)

Finance Director: Vicki Eugley

Town Clerk: Amy Eldridge

Road Commissioner: Amon Morse

NVC Representative: Jeffrey Wilt

Present: Jeanine Tucker, Breanna Pinkham Bebb, Vicki Eugley, Amy Eldridge, Amon Morse, Jeffrey Wilt.

Citizen Concerns: None at this time.

Northport Village Corporation (NVC): Wilt reported on damage in the Village due to the recent storm. He also wanted to clarify that the Village pays the utilities on the Fire Station in the Village. NVC is not expecting the Town to reimburse the NVC for the utility cost at the Fire Station.

Road Commissioner: Morse reported on the recent storm damage in the Town. He reported on some fallen trees and roads conditions.

Town Administrator:

Plowing specs for 2023 bids: The Board tabled the discussion on the plowing specs until Patten and Kossuth are available.

School zone: Tucker provided an overview on behalf of Kossuth (see Appendix A).

CMP Pole Permit Application: The Board reviewed the CMP Application for Pole Location of one pole at the intersection of Pound Hill Road and Upper Bluff Road. The Board provided their approval and signatures.

GWJ Broadband update: Tucker provided an overview on behalf of Kossuth (see Appendix B).

792 Beech Hill Road: Tucker provided an overview on behalf of Kossuth. The Board would like Code Enforcement Officer Rooney and Town Administrator Kossuth to go together and speak to the tenants of 792 Beech Hill Road. A new Foreclosure notice will be delivered to the heirs of the estate.

Town Clerk: Nothing to report at this time.

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

Eugley reported the Harold Alfond Center for the Advancement of Maine's Workforce will reimburse the Town for half of the cost of the Municipal Human Resources Basic Training that Eugley will attend.

Old Business: Nothing at this time

New Business: The Board confirmed January 9, 2023 and January 23, 2023 will be the next two Select Board meeting dates.

Executive Session:

Tucker motioned to enter Executive Session at 6:29 Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6) for discussion or consideration of the employment of an individual, seconded by Pinkham Bebb. Board Voted 2-0, motion passed.

Pinkham Bebb motioned to return to regular session at 6:37 pm, seconded by Tucker. Board voted 2-0, motion passed. No action taken

Adjourn:

Pinkham Bebb motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 pm, seconded by Tucker. Board voted 2-0, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy Eldridge, Town Clerk

Appendix A

I had spoken with a resident on Election Day who was concerned about the painted-over crosswalk. She felt strongly that there needs to be a crosswalk at the school. I had explained the Board's position on the matter and described all the other steps that the Town was taking to improve safety there.

This resident followed up with me this week, reiterating her concerns. I explained everything that the Town has done and has planned (painting on street, new signage, new flashing signs, shoulder striping, and contacting DOT about reworking the Bayside Rd / Rte 1 intersection at The Hoot). I also told her that while a crosswalk is not off the table, it is not part of the Board's short-term plans. I invited her to come to a meeting to present her concerns directly to the Board, but she seemed satisfied with my response.

(PS – I had reached out to Pete Coughlan at the DOT about the Cross St / Bayside Rd / Rte 1 area, and he referred me to another gentleman at the DOT, and I have not heard back from him, so I will follow up with them in January. In conversations with various people at the DOT, they agree in principle that the Cross St / Rte 1 intersection and the Bayside Rd / Rte 1 intersection need to be fixed by making the turns to and from Rte 1 as 90 degree turns, but we have not gotten past that point.)

Appendix B

GW1 was expecting delivery of its necessary hardware on December 19, and it did not arrive. They believe it was weather-related delays. We *will* get fiber optic internet, at some point, I swear. (I hope.)