

Town of Northport
Select Board Meeting
May 08, 2023 @ 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: Jeffrey Wilt

Present: Shelly Patten, Jeanine Tucker, Breanna Pinkham Bebb, James Kossuth, Vicki Eugley, Amy Eldridge, Amon Morse, Ned Lightner, Karen Young, Reeves Gilmore, John Burgess, Molly Schaffler, Sean Dufflemeyer, Janae Novotny, Jonathan Bellemare, Barry Hodge, Karen Foxwell, Shelly Fein, Karen Young, Karen Gleeson, Brandon Soards, Alicia Soards, Bill Frysinger, Robert Corey, Kathy Parrish, Geir Gaseidnes, Jonathan Ellis.

Citizen Concerns #1: Jonathan Bellemare, 545 Shore Road, requested a license to replace his septic system, which is in the Shore Road right-of-way. The new septic system would be located in the same place as the current system, and part of it would be in the Town right-of-way. Bellemare provided the Board with graphs to view. He stated that he was reducing the chambers in the septic to 2, and it will be longer and bigger but will still be in part of the Town right-of-way. He also explained that due to the stream on the property, it reduces the available space to put a septic on the property. Bellemare would like to get the septic fixed as soon as possible. Patten asked if there was going to be a need to cut into the road. Bellemare reported he will need to use the road to build the septic but will not need to cut into the road. Bellemare will be using railroad ties near the road. Patten asked if the railroad ties will be in the way of plowing and Bellemare said no. The Board would like to see the septic plan prior to approving the license. Bellemare said he could distribute the plan to the Board hopefully in the next week.

Pinkham Bebb moved to approve the license upon receiving the plan for 545 Shore Road septic, seconded by Patten. Board voted 3-0, motion passed.

Citizen Concerns: #2: Barry Hodge, 591 Shore Road, explained to the Board about the condition of the right of way around 585, 591, and 595 Shore Road. He reported the majority of the banking at this location was lost in the 2022 Christmas storm. The banking is less than half the size it was and each storm is making it worse. Hodge would like to see if the Board could check into the federal disaster declaration to see if the Town could still take advantage of it. Kossuth explained the hurdles the Town would have in utilizing Federal Emergency Management Agency money. Kossuth stated better avenues to look into are grants for shoreline stabilization, which the Town plans to do in the near future. The Board thanked Hodge for all of his knowledge of the situation.

Recycling Hearing: Patten opened the Public Hearing at 6:26 pm, Kossuth explained the concerns of recycling to all present. Appendix A was provided to all attendees. Kossuth reported that DM&J picks up the recycling and they deliver it to Ecomaine. He provided details on contaminated recycling that Ecomaine reported and the Town has never had more than 5% of contaminated recycling go to Ecomaine. He also stated the Town receives revenue from the recycled metals and nothing for plastics or other materials.

Gleeson praised the transfer station attendants that go through the recycling to make sure there are no contaminated items before pick-up. She recommended that residents be charged a fee to recycle. She also asked if it would be cost effective for the Town to go directly with Ecomaine instead of DM&J. She also suggested working with Belfast to accept our recycling. Tucker asked Gleeson if they have staff to monitor the recycling at the Belfast Transfer Station and Gleeson said yes. Belfast can compact the recycling to be able to get more money.

Fleming asked if it would be better to recycle just cardboard and the top 3 recycling income makers. Kossuth asked DM&J that question and they stated it wouldn't make a difference if you single sort or have designated items. Young stated the Town may want to recycle aluminum because the material is expensive and companies want it back.

A suggestion was made to have an automobile sticker to recycle and have a set amount for the sticker. The income would offset some of the cost of recycling. Another suggestion would be to have a line item on taxes for a surcharge on recycling where costs are spread amongst everyone. Whatever the Town adopts, there are a lot of people that don't recycle because they don't understand what goes into recycling. Some residents were wondering if the Town should go to a more sorted recycling like what Belfast provides. Many residents don't want to go backwards on recycling and want the Town to continue recycling. Comments were made that residents of Northport would be devastated if the Town stopped recycling. The Board thanked everyone for their input and concerns. Patten asked for any further questions or comments, and hearing none, the hearing was closed at 7:09 pm

Subdivision Ordinance Hearing: Patten opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 pm. Kossuth introduced Reeves Gilmore, Planning Board Chairman, who explained the proposed amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance. He said he is very proud of the Planning Board and the proposed amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance. The Board thanked Gilmore for everything the Planning Board has done. Patten asked for any further questions or comments, and hearing none, the hearing was closed at 7:13 pm.

Administrative Ordinance Hearing: Patten opened the Public Hearing at 7:14 pm. Kossuth reported on the proposed amendments to Administrative Ordinance. He explained amending the date of the Town Election to be held on the same day as the State election instead of two separate days. He also explained the modification of the relationship of the Fire Department and the Town. Patten asked for any further questions or comments, and hearing none, the hearing was closed at 7:15 pm.

NVC: Novotny reported that a lot of construction is happening in Bayside. The Overseers have extended the moratorium on new sewer connections for another 6 months. Due to the December storm Novotny reported the following areas are showing signs of erosion: Bayview Park, Auditorium Park, and the end of Clinton Street. Novotny also reported the Overseers received a recommendation from Celine Bewsher, who is Chair of the Infrastructure Committee, about the Village becoming a member of Mid - coast Council of Governments (MCOG).

Road Commissioner: Morse reported the Town had some damage from the last storm. The Town had about 7 inches of rain, and there is erosion happening on Shore Road that the Town may need to address next year. He also reported the sweeper is being picked up tomorrow and he will be sweeping the roads next week.

Morse also reported there are four driveway culverts that will be replaced on Beech Hill Road and the Town will be receiving an invoice shortly from Jack Brown at JBRH Excavation & Welding/Fabrication for that work.

Kossuth reported to Morse that there is construction taking place on Upper Bluff Road and the owner plans to put in electrical service under the road. Morse acknowledged the information and will provide updates if needed.

Town Administrator

Revocable License, 142 Upper Bluff Road: Kossuth provided the revocable license for 142 Upper Bluff Road to the Board for review. The Board authorized Kossuth to sign and provide a copy to the property owner.

Saturday Cove & Wyman Park mowing: Kossuth reported Tim Patten will not be able to mow the parks this year. Kossuth reached out to James Knight, and he will take over mowing the parks this year.

Roadside Clean-Up wrap up: Kossuth reported the Town Clean-up went well, the weather was beautiful and there were about 30 people that participated. A big thank you to all involved, and to the Scone Goddess and Hammond Lumber for their donations.

Spirit of America Award: Kossuth provided details about the Spirit of America Award to the Board. The Board discussed many honorable recipients and provided Kossuth with their recommendation.

Town Clerk: Eldridge provided the April 3, 2023, April 10, 2023, April 20, 2023 and April 24, 2023 minutes to the Board to review. The Board approved the April 3, 2023, April 10, 2023, April 20, 2023 and April 24, 2023, minutes with corrections.

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 a Fidelity account has been established for the Town and the application for a Vanguard account has been sent out and should be set up shortly. She also provided the Board with what the three-month interest rates were for both accounts.

Pinkham Bebb motioned to authorize the Finance Director to purchase investments at Fidelity and Vanguard according to the Town investment policy, seconded by Patten. Board voted 3-0, motion passed.

Old Business: nothing to report at this time.

New Business: Select Board meeting will be June 21, 2023, instead of June 26, due to a scheduled vacation.

Adjourn: ***Tucker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm, seconded by Pinkham Bebb. Board voted 3-0, motion passed.***

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy Eldridge

Appendix A

What Does Recycling Cost?

FY2022 - July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

1 container @ \$315.70	\$315.70	
1 container @ \$395.00	\$395.00	
110 containers @ \$410.00	\$45,100.00	
Container Rentals	\$2,160.00	
Fuel	\$3,034.00	Average per month:
Credit	<u>-\$125.00</u>	
Total Recycling	\$50,879.70	\$4,239.98

FY2023 - July 1, 2022 to April 30, 2023:

89 containers @ \$410.00	\$36,490.00	
Container Rentals (@ \$90.00)	\$1,800.00	Average per month:
Fuel	<u>\$6,150.00</u>	
Total Recycling	\$44,440.00	\$4,444.00

If FY2023 to date (10 months) Recycling had gone as trash:

Assuming 89 - 30 yard containers would fit in 333.75 - 8 yard containers:

333.75 containers @ \$82.69	\$27,597.79
Container Rentals	<u>\$1,875.00</u>
	\$29,472.79

Savings from shipping as trash v. recycling \$14,967.21

Projected for next year:

FY2024 - July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

110 containers @ \$400.00	\$44,000.00	
90 tons tipping @ \$295.00	\$26,550.00	
Container Rentals (@ \$150.00)	\$3,600.00	Average per month:
Fuel - Unknown	<u>\$0.00</u>	
Total Recycling	\$74,150.00	\$6,179.17

If FY2024 is sent as trash:

Assuming 110 - 30 yard containers would fit in 412.50 - 8 yard containers:

412.50 containers @ \$92.50	\$38,156.25
Container Rentals	<u>\$2,250.00</u>
	\$40,406.25

Savings from shipping as trash v. recycling \$33,743.75