

Town of Northport
Select Board Meeting
February 26, 2024 @ 6:15 pm

Chair: Jeanine Tucker
Vice Chair: Breanna Pinkham Bebb
Municipal Officer: Molly Schauffler
Town Administrator: James Kossuth

Finance Director: Vicki Eugley
Town Clerk: Amy Eldridge
Road Commissioner: Amon Morse
NVC Representative: Janae Novotny

Present: Jeanine Tucker, Breanna Pinkham Bebb, Molly Schauffler, James Kossuth, Vicki Eugley, Amy Eldridge, Amon Morse. Janae Novotny, and Tinsley Morrison

Citizen Concerns:

Bid Openings: Kossuth provided the Board with two assessing bids, one from RJD Appraisals LLC, and one from KTM Assessing for the Town Assessing Services contract. The Board reviewed and discussed the bids.

Pinkham Bebb motioned to accept the bid from RJD Appraisals LLC. for the Town Assessing Services contract, seconded by Tucker. Board voted 3-0, motion passed.

Kossuth then provided the Board with one bid from Maritime Energy for the Town Heating Fuel contract. The Board reviewed and discussed the bid.

Tucker motioned to accept the bid from Maritime Energy for the Town Heating Fuel Contract, seconded by Pinkham Bebb. Board voted 3-0, motion passed.

Kossuth provided the Board with two Demo Debris and Metals bids, one from DM&J and one from Ford Enterprises.

Pinkham Bebb motioned to table the decision until the next Select Board meeting on March 11, 2024, seconded by Tucker. Board voted 3-0, motion passed.

NVC: Novotny reported NVC is thankful for the Town helping fund a lifeguard so that the NVC can offer lifeguard coverage 7 days a week and they are currently advertising for a lifeguard. The NVC bought a new AED machine for the Village, so that there is now one at the Community Hall and one on the wharf in the summer.

Road Commissioner: Morse reported that he has posted the roads with heavy load signs today.

Morse would like to see about adding sidewalks on the bridge near the school with guardrails on both sides of the street. He is going to contact some contractors and the DOT about the addition to the Bridge.

He is working on his budget for culverts, ditching, road repairs, and paving for the 2024-25 budget.

He stated the dirt roads may need some work on them due to the warm temperatures. He may add 12-18 inches of good bony gravel to Knights Pond Road from the end of the pavement to the Carver driveway. He also would like to put Pitcher Pond Road on the list to repair for the upcoming budget year.

Kossuth received a letter from a resident on Kosmo Lane requesting repairs to the end of Kosmo Lane where the school bus may have damaged the culvert.

There also was a request to remove the pine tree that is across the road near the end of Knights Pond Road on the Route One side. Morse will take a look and take care of the tree.

Town Administrator:

Draft Road Sand specs- Kossuth provided the Board with a draft copy of the sand specs for the next contract. The Board reviewed the specs and authorized Kossuth to advertise them.

Northport Community Church update- Kossuth reported he has spoken to Judy Simpson and she reported that they had been paying \$1700 for annual insurance. He suggested that the Board invite her to an upcoming meeting to answer other questions that the Board has.

Town Office/Community Center update- Kossuth provided updated information from 2a Architects about the design of the Town Office/Community Center. Pinkham Bebb suggested that a shed dormer might be an option instead of the three small dormers in the current design. Novotny stated that she likes the current voting booths and hopes they will remain in the new building.

Waldo Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Hazard Mitigation Plan update- Kossuth reported he met with Dale Rowley about a new hazard mitigation plan for the county. The participating towns must first decide what hazards need to be mitigated. The group is meeting again on March 21, 2024. Schaufler stated the Resilience Committee is meeting on March 20, 2024, and will provide any updates on hazards in Northport.

Congressionally Directed Spending update- Kossuth reported he has spoken to staff for all three Washington elected officials for the State of Maine about Congressionally Directed Spending requests for the upcoming year. They all agreed that the Town needs to demonstrate public support for the Town Office/Community Center project. They mentioned the Town should have 3 letters of support for its application, and the Board provided Kossuth with suggestions for letters of support.

Kossuth reported that Maine Council of Governments (MCOG) is creating a housing working group that will be providing many different ideas and suggestions for ways towns can address the regional shortage of affordable housing. They are looking for volunteers from the Town that could be on the working group for housing. Pinkham Bebb said that she might be interested if her schedule allows.

Town Clerk: Kossuth provided the January 29, 2024 minutes to Board for review. The Board approved the January 29, 2024 minutes.

Eldridge provided the Board with a request to buy back a foreclosed property of R08-50-01-ON2 listed under Ashley Landry. Eldridge reported Mr. Landry has provided a bank check for the full amount owed for 2021, 2022 & 2023 taxes on the property.

Tucker motioned to accept the bank check for full payment of taxes on the property of R08-50-01-ON2 from Ashley Landry, seconded by Pinkham Bebb. Board voted 3-0, motion passed.

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

Old Business: Nothing at this time.

New Business: Nothing at this time.

Adjourn: ***Tucker motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm, seconded by Schauffler. Board voted 3-0, motion passed.***

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy Eldridge, Town Clerk