

Town of Northport
Select Board Meeting
May 13, 2024 @ 6:15 pm

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

Finance Director: Vicki Eugley
Road Commissioner: Amon Morse
NVC Representative: Janae Novotny

Present: Jeanine Tucker, Breanna Pinkham Bebb, Molly Schauffler, James Kossuth, Vicki Eugley, Amon Morse, Tinsley Morrison, Toupie Rooney, Janae Novotny, Brad Pinkerton, Annie Pinkerton, Heidi Blood.

Executive Session: *Tucker motioned to enter Executive Session under 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) to discuss the employment of an individual, seconded by Pinkham Bebb. Board voted 3-0, motion passed to enter Executive Session at 6:15 pm.*

Tucker motioned to end Executive Session, seconded by Schauffler. Board voted 3-0, motion passed to end Executive Session at 6:50 pm.

No action taken.

Citizen Concerns: None at this time.

Transfer Station: Brad Pinkerton, of Pinkerton & Sons Disposal, presented a request to the Board to use space at the Transfer Station for a dumpster to collect waste from his trucks to reduce the number of trips he has to make to Juniper Ridge landfill while PERC is not operational. He would like to use approximately 100'x100', near the brush pile, and he would put a dumpster on hot top. Tucker asked how such an arrangement would affect the Town's DEP license. Kossuth said he would look into that, and A. Pinkerton said that she had spoken with a person at the DEP who said it would be ok, and that she (A. Pinkerton) would send Kossuth that DEP contact information. Schauffler asked about removing the hot top when he no longer needed the space, and B. Pinkerton said that he was planning to. Rooney said that any plan would need to be approved by the Planning Board.

Code Enforcement: Rooney reported to the Board that sufficient repairs had been made to the Butters cottage (9 North Avenue) that, in her opinion, the building is no longer in immediate danger of collapse. She asked that the Board send a demand for payment of the Town's legal expenses to the Butters to begin that process under state law and the Board's August 2023 Order and Decision. The Board thanked Rooney for all her work to have the building stabilized.

NVC: Novotny reported that the Overseers continue to work on their budget. They have received an engineering plan from Gartley & Dorsky to stabilize Bayview Park, and a plan for Auditorium Park will be forthcoming. The Bayview Park work is expected to cost \$70,000-90,000. Rooney suggested that Novotny look into FEMA funding for the stabilization work.

Road Commissioner: Morse reported that the roads in the Village have been swept, and he has removed the dead willow tree from outside the library. He reported that FC Work had finished the shoreline stabilization on Shore Road, and that he had spoken with one of the abutters who wanted to place large stones in the right of way to act like guardrails, similar to those at Kelly Cove.

Town Administrator:

Waldo County Hazard Mitigation Plan update: Kossuth reported that the Hazard Mitigation Plan planning meeting scheduled for May 15 has been cancelled, with a new date yet to be set. The Town is planning a climate resilience community workshop for June 12, which will provide data to support the hazard mitigation plan. Morrison shared a draft flyer for the workshop, which the Board approved. The Board and Morrison discussed how best to distribute the flyer.

Summer Intern update: Kossuth reported that the intern will be in the office on Friday, May 24, to complete some paperwork and get oriented, and he starts work on Tuesday, May 28. Schaffler suggested another project that the intern could take on.

Congressionally Directed Spending / Town Office Project update- Kossuth reported that all of the CDS applications have been submitted. Kossuth reported that he met with Rooney and Schaffler on Friday, May 10, to discuss a capital campaign to raise funds for the new Town Office. They generated some ideas, and Kossuth is looking into finding a consultant to help with the campaign.

Town Clean-up recap: Kossuth reported that over 50 people participated in the clean-up on May 4. Rooney suggested that the Town recruit someone with a truck next year who could drive around and pick up the trash bags afterwards, rather than have people carry their own.

Northport Community Church Open House recap: Kossuth reported that a few dozen people attended the open house on May 4. Schaffler and Pinkham Bebb reported that each had heard concerns about the Town's taking on ownership of the church, given all the work the church needs, plus other projects the Town is working on.

Agenda for May 20 Lincolville joint meeting: Kossuth provided a draft agenda for the May 20 joint meeting with Lincolville. The Board agreed that the single item – discussion of Maine DOT's work plan for Route 1 in Northport and Lincolville – was sufficient.

Spirit of America award: The Board discussed possible recipients for the Spirit of America Award. The Board decided to honor Tinsley Morrison with the Town's 2024 Spirit of America Award.

CMP Pole Request: Kossuth presented the Board with an easement for CMP to install a pole and attach wires on Town property next to Horse Jockey (East Side) Cemetery. The Board approved the easement.

Clerks' Week Proclamation: Kossuth presented the Board with a draft proclamation in honor of the Town's clerks. The Board approved and signed the proclamation honoring the Town's clerk and deputy clerk.

Maine Municipal Association Legislative Policy Committee nomination: Kossuth asked the Board to nominate him for another term on the MMA LPC, and the Board agreed.

Town Clerk: Kossuth provided minutes from the meetings of March 11, March 25, April 8, and April 22, to the Board for review. 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 the Payroll & Accounts Payable warrants.

Old Business: Nothing at this time.

New Business: Nothing at this time.

Executive Session: *Tucker motioned to enter Executive Session under 1 MRSA § 405(6)(A) to discuss the employment of an individual, seconded by Pinkham Bebb. Board voted 3-0, motion passed to enter Executive Session at 8:27 pm.*

Tucker motioned to end Executive Session, seconded by Schauffler. Board voted 3-0, motion passed to end Executive Session at 8:37 pm.

No action taken.

Adjourn: *Pinkham Bebb motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:38pm, seconded by Schauffler. Board voted 3-0, motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted by,

James Kossuth, Town Administrator