

Town of Northport
Select Board Meeting
July 8, 2024 @ 6:15 pm

Chair: Jeanine Tucker
Vice Chair: Breanna Pinkham Bebb – approved absence
Municipal Officer: Molly Schauffler
Town Administrator: James Kossuth
Finance Director: Vicki Eugley
Road Commissioner: Amon Morse
NVC Representative: Janae Novotny

Present: Jeanine Tucker, Molly Schauffler, James Kossuth, Vicki Eugley, Amon Morse, John Clifford, Janae Novotny, Tinsley Morrison.

Citizen Concerns: None at this time.

Northport Village Corporation: Novotny reported that summer events are in full swing in the Village, with several successful events having already happened, and several others scheduled for the next month. She reported that there will be a Donuts & Dialog (D&D) on Friday, July 12, at 4pm, with Will Gartley of Gartley & Dorsky, to talk about infrastructure, and another D&D on Saturday, July 13, to talk about utilities. The Overseers will meet on Sunday, July 14.

The NVC annual meeting is August 13, and two Overseers are not running for re-election, but Novotny will be running for re-election as President. Tucker and Schauffler expressed their gratitude to Novotny for her continuing service to the Village and Town.

Road Commissioner: Morse reported that he has been mowing the roadside knotweed that has grown back since it was mowed last month and mowing spots that had been overlooked.

He reported that he has been unable to find any qualified graders to grade Knights Pond Road and Pitcher Road. He raked Pitcher Road and put down some gravel, but that is not the most cost-effective solution. Knights Pond Road is scheduled to receive gravel this summer, but the Board may wish to pave Knights Pond Road and Pitcher Road in the near future to avoid expensive repairs every year.

Morse reported that he is still working on mounting the speed feedback sign to the trailer and hopes to have it ready soon.

Kossuth reported that he had requested a speed detail from the Sheriff's Office to address residents' concerns about speeding on Bluff Road.

Town Administrator:

Liquor License Renewal – Northport Golf Club: Kossuth presented the Northport Golf Club's (NGC) application to renew its liquor license. Kossuth reported that the Waldo County Sheriff's Office has not received any complaints about the NGC in the past year.

Schauffler motioned to approve the Northport Golf Club's liquor license renewal application, seconded by Tucker. Board voted 2-0, motion passed.

Climate Resilience Committee update: Morrison reported that the Committee met last week and has come up with several action items for the next month, mostly related to education and communication.

Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund grant update: Kossuth reported that he had submitted the Town's three applications on July 1 for the three separate shoreline stabilization projects: Kelly Cove, Auditorium Park, and Bayview Park. Kossuth reported that the Town should hear back from the state later this month.

Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) Catalyst Grant update: Kossuth reported that the Town did not receive the Catalyst Grant, but the Town can re-apply for the next round of funding in the fall. There will also be an opportunity for Kossuth to get feedback from the NBRC in August.

Block Bros. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) update: Kossuth reported that he had submitted the Block Bros. CDBG letter of intent on July 1, and that the Town should hear back this month whether they will be invited to submit a full application.

Maine DOT Route 1 update: Kossuth reported that he had received a letter from Maine DOT about meetings regarding DOT's work plan for Route 1 in Northport and Lincolnville. The DOT is planning to hold meetings later this summer and will contact the Town when the meetings will be scheduled.

MTCMA Internship Grant update: Kossuth reported that the Town had been awarded a \$500 grant from the Maine Town and City Managers Association to offset some of the Town's costs from the summer internship program. The grant will be awarded at the Management Institute at Sunday River in August, but no one from the Town is available to attend.

Minutes: Kossuth provided minutes from the meeting of June 24 for the Board to 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.

Eugley reported that the estimated Balance Carried Forward for the Roads & Bridges account was \$380,355.42, which is approximately \$150,000 less than last year, due mostly to the emergency work performed on Shore Road. The total amount available for Roads & Bridges in FY2025 between the Balance Carried Forward, state LRAP revenue, and local appropriation is approximately \$619,000.

Eugley reported that the First Responders were able to purchase a replacement rig, and that it will be transported to Northport for approximately \$1395 and should be arriving soon.

Old Business: None at this time.

New Business: Northport / Belfast Boundary Survey discussion: The Board discussed whether the Town should respond to Attorney Kim Tucker's June 24 letter regarding Surveyor Richards's maps, documentation, and research. The Board decided not to respond to the letter.

Adjourn: *Schauffler motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:12pm, seconded by Tucker. Board voted 2-0, motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted by,

James Kossuth, Town Administrator