

Town of Northport

Select Board Meeting

April 28, 2025 @ 6:15 pm

Chair: Jeanine Tucker

Vice Chair: Breanna Pinkham Bebb

Municipal Officer: Molly Schaufler

Town Administrator: James Kossuth

Finance Director: Vicki Eugley

Road Commissioner: Amon Morse

NVC Representative: Janae Novotny – not present

**Present:** Jeanine Tucker, Breanna Pinkham Bebb, Molly Schaufler, James Kossuth, Vicki Eugley, Amon Morse, Tinsley Morrison, Chris Maseychik, Rob MacDowell, Sasha Ray.

**Citizen Concerns:** None at this time.

**Liquor License Renewal:** Tucker opened the public hearing for The Hoot's liquor license renewal at 6:16pm. Kossuth presented the Board with MacDowell's liquor license renewal application and reported that the Sheriff's Office had received no complaints about The Hoot in the past year. MacDowell discussed his plans for The Hoot for the summer and answered the Board's questions. Tucker asked for any comments or questions about the application. Hearing none, Tucker closed the public hearing at 6:23 pm.

***Tucker moved to approve MacDowell's application to renew the liquor license for The Hoot, seconded by Pinkham Bebb. Board voted 3-0, license renewal approved.***

**Northport Village Corporation:** No report.

**Road Commissioner:** Morse reported that he will be arranging for the cleaning of the catch basins in the Village soon. MacDowell and Kossuth reported that there were some potholes on Bayside Road near The Hoot and Shore Road near Kelly Cove that need to be patched, and Morse reported that he is planning to fill potholes with cold patch in the coming days.

**Town Administrator: Town Meeting Warrant:** Kossuth presented the Board with a draft of the Annual Town Meeting warrant for the Board's review and signature. The Board made some suggestions and approved the warrant as amended. Kossuth made the edits and presented the final warrant for the Board's signatures.

**Town Office project April 30 public meeting planning:** Kossuth and the Board discussed plans for the April 30 informational session about the Town Office project.

**Town Office Fundraising Committee update:** Kossuth presented the Board with copies of the marketing materials drafted by the Fundraising Committee.

Kossuth also reported that he had submitted applications for Congressionally Directed Spending and the Northern Border Regional Commission, and he has already heard from Sen. Collins's office. Kossuth reported that Sen. Collins's office could only support the Town's request at the same amount as last year, \$2.35 million, and Kossuth had agreed to that, since the alternative offered was no support at all.

**Transfer Station Fee Schedule:** Kossuth presented the Board with a revised fee schedule for the Transfer Station, which raises the trash sticker price to \$4, because of increased costs in the new two-year contract, and eliminates brush collection entirely. The Board approved the revised fee schedule, with the price increase to take effect on July 1.

**Letter re Citizens' Petition Veto:** Kossuth presented the Board with a revised copy of the letter to Sen. Chip Curry and Rep. Jan Dodge regarding the proposed citizens' petition to veto the state budget. The Board approved the edits and signed the letter for Kossuth to send to Sen. Curry and Rep. Dodge.

**Little River Dam removal:** Kossuth asked the Board for further guidance on the letter of support that the Town had been asked to write. The Board instructed Kossuth to take no action at this time, given how the situation has changed.

**Spirit of America awardee:** Kossuth asked the Board who the Board would like to recognize for the Spirit of America award in 2025. The Board agreed to honor Sid Block for his efforts to protect the Little River and Penobscot Bay.

**Letter re Extended Producer Responsibility Regulations:** Kossuth presented the Board with a draft of the letter the Schaffler had written on behalf of the Recycling Committee with comments on the State's new regulations for the Extended Producer Responsibility law. The Board approved the letter and instructed Kossuth to submit it to the State.

**Minutes:** Kossuth presented the Board with minutes for the meetings of April 14 and April 22. The Board approved the minutes with edits.

**Tax Collector: Certified Ratio Declaration:** On behalf of the Tax Collector, Kossuth presented the Board with the certified ratio declaration for the Town's real property assessment for 2025. The Board approved and signed the declaration.

**Quitclaim re Foreclosed Properties:** Kossuth reported that the former owner of the two foreclosed properties on Glenwood Lane (R05-11-9 and R05-11-11) had presented a bank check for the entire outstanding amount of taxes, interest, and penalties on the two parcels. The Board accepted the payment and ordered the filing of a Municipal Quitclaim Deed to the former owner.

**Finance Director:** Eugley asked the Board for authorization to transfer \$750 from the Climate Resilience Special Reserve to the General Fund to pay for Kossuth's climate resilience leadership course at Hurricane Island. The Board authorized the transfer.

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

**Unfinished Business:** None at this time.

**New Business:** None at this time.

**Adjourn:** *Pinkham Bebb moved to adjourn at 7:40pm, seconded by Tucker. Board voted 3-0, meeting adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted by,

James Kossuth, Town Administrator