

Town of Northport

Select Board Meeting

May 12, 2025 @ 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, Janae Novotny, Chris Maseychik, Tammy Maseychik, Tinsley Morrison.

Citizen Concerns: None at this time.

Public Hearing: Adult Use and Medical Use Marijuana Ordinance Amendments: Tucker opened the public hearing at 6:15pm. Kossuth described the proposed amendments, which would streamline the license renewal process, and which the Board had discussed and approved at the March 24, 2025, Select Board meeting. Tucker called for public questions or comments. Hearing none, Tucker closed the public hearing at 6:17pm. The proposed amendments will be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting on June 16.

Public Hearing: Building Permit Ordinance Amendments: Tucker opened the public hearing at 6:18pm. Kossuth described the proposed amendments, which would add a building permit requirement for renovations valued at over \$10,000, and which the Board had discussed and approved at the March 24, 2025, Select Board meeting. Tucker called for public questions or comments. Hearing none, Tucker closed the public hearing at 6:20pm. The proposed amendments will be voted on at the Annual Town Meeting on June 16.

Northport Village Corporation: Novotny reported that the Village Overseers had met on May 11. The Overseers voted to support the Town's town office and community center project. A Donuts & Dialog session on the Town/Village relationship is scheduled for late July. The sewer system is at capacity, and the Overseers will seek to amend the NVC utilities ordinance to add a fee for inactive sewer connections to retain the ability to reconnect. After a discussion about amending the NVC park and public space policy, the Overseers referred the matter back to the committee.

Road Commissioner: Morse presented the Board with draft specifications for paving and the Schoolhouse Brook bridge widening. The Board had some suggestions for the bridge widening project specifications.

Town Administrator: Route 1 concerns and updates: Kossuth reported that he has received several complaints from residents about the condition of Route 1 near the Lincolnville line. He shared one letter that a resident had sent to Maine DOT about the condition of the road. Kossuth reported that he and David Kinney, Lincolnville Town Administrator, had been in touch with Maine DOT about the project status. Kossuth reported that Maine DOT has said that the schedule has slipped, and that the first public meeting likely will not be until 2026, instead of summer 2025.

Citizens' Petition Budget Veto update: Kossuth reported that he had received a response to the Board's letter from Rep. Jan Dodge, and shared her response with the Board.

Town Office project update (April 30 public meeting follow-up): Kossuth reported that he had received a thank-you note from one of the attendees of the meeting. The Board discussed their thoughts about the meeting and plans for the June 16 Town Meeting.

Town Office Fundraising Committee update: Kossuth reported that the committee met on May 7 and has been continuing to identify prospective donors and work on outreach. Kossuth reported that he and Schauffler had drafted a letter to the Leshner Foundation to inquire about grant opportunities.

Roadside clean-up update: Kossuth reported on planning for the roadside clean-up on Saturday, May 17. The Climate Resilience Committee (CRC) is spearheading it this year, and everything seems to be ready. The CRC will have one final planning meeting on May 15.

New web host: Kossuth reported that the Town's web hosting company, Sephone, will be closing in June, and the Town will have to find a new web host. He is working on that.

Employee Policies & Procedures amendment: Kossuth presented the Board with a revised Employee Policies & Procedures manual to add Juneteenth (June 19) as a paid Town holiday. It is a state and federal holiday, which limits the Town's ability to work when state and federal offices are closed.

Tucker moved to amend the Employee Policies & Procedures manual to add Juneteenth as a paid holiday, seconded by Schauffler. Board voted 3-0, motion carried.

Reschedule May 26 Select Board meeting: Kossuth asked the Board to reschedule its next meeting, currently scheduled for the Memorial Day holiday. The Board agreed to move the meeting to Tuesday, May 27, at 6:15pm.

Minutes: Kossuth presented the Board with minutes for the meetings of April 24 and April 28. The Board approved the minutes with edits.

Finance Director: 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: Spirit of America honoree: Kossuth asked the Board if it wished to reconsider its choice for this year's award, and the Board decided to honor the person they originally chose.

New Business: None at this time.

Adjourn: ***Tucker moved to adjourn at 7:17pm, seconded by Pinkham Bebb. Board voted 3-0, meeting adjourned.***

Respectfully submitted by,

James Kossuth, Town Administrator