

Town of Northport

Select Board Meeting

June 23, 2025 @ 6:15 pm

Chair: Breanna Pinkham Bebb  
Vice Chair: Jeanine Tucker  
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.

**Election of Officers:** *Tucker moved to name Pinkham Bebb as Chair for 2025-2026, seconded by Schauffler. Board voted 3-0, Pinkham Bebb elected Chair.*

*Pinkham Bebb moved to name Tucker as Vice Chair for 2025-2026, seconded by Schauffler. Board voted 3-0, Tucker elected Vice Chair.*

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

**Bid Openings: Broadway and Summit Ave Paving:** Kossuth presented the Board with the two bids the Town received for the paving project. The Board discussed the bids and scope of the project with Morse.

*Pinkham Bebb moved to award the bid to the low bidder, Performance Paving, for \$130,800, seconded by Tucker. Board voted 3-0, bid awarded to Performance Paving for \$130,800.*

**Road Salt:** Kossuth presented the Board with the three bids the Town received through cooperative bidding processes for road salt. The Board discussed the bids.

*Schauffler moved to award the bid to the low bidder, New England Salt, for \$66.06 per ton, seconded by Pinkham Bebb. Board voted 3-0, bid awarded to New England Salt for \$66.06 per ton.*

**Northport Village Corporation:** Novotny reported that she and the Overseers are working on the Village annual report. Novotny reported that the upcoming Donuts & Dialog will be about the NVC budget for the upcoming year. She also reported that the lifeguards will be starting soon, and the swimming area will be staffed seven days a week, thanks in part to the Town's contribution to the Village budget.

**Road Commissioner:** Morse and the Board discussed the revised scope of work for the bridge widening project on Bayside Road. Morse and the Board agreed that this scope of work was clear and reasonable. The Board asked that the scope of work include preserving the existing shrubs on the downstream side of the bridge. Kossuth will edit the scope accordingly and post it.

**Town Administrator: Town Meeting recap:** The Board discussed the results of the Town Meeting and ideas for next year's meeting. Suggestions included asking students from the Drinkwater School to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, having a policy for speakers, and having speakers at the end of the meeting rather than the beginning. The Board agreed to continue to hold the meeting outside, weather permitting.

**Town Office project update:** Kossuth reported that the Town learned on Friday that it had not been awarded a Catalyst Grant from the Northern Border Regional Commission. Kossuth reported that he had spoken with Amanda Austin, the architect, about next steps after the Town Meeting vote. Kossuth also reported that he had

received a draft lease for temporary office space, and that he will send it to Bill Kelly, the Town's attorney, for review.

**Knights Pond drinking and camping concerns:** Kossuth reported that he had received several complaints about camping on the beach at Knights Pond. Kossuth spoke with the Sheriff's Office, and a deputy went to the beach several times and found an unoccupied tent each time. The deputy left information about local support for homelessness, but never made contact with the person staying in the tent. Kossuth reported that as of Sunday, the tent was gone. The Board discussed ideas to prevent camping at the pond. Morse will put up some more "No Camping" signs, but both Morse and the Board agreed that signs do not tend to have much effect, and they tend to get stolen. The Board asked Kossuth to stay in contact with the Sheriff's Office and ask the Sheriff's Office to send a deputy to the pond regularly to move any campers out.

**Waldo County Budget Committee:** Kossuth reported that the caucus for the Waldo County Budget Committee will be on July 10 at 6pm, and that there is an opening for the district that includes Northport. Pinkham Bebb reported that she is interested in serving on the budget committee and will attend the caucus.

**Legislative Policy Committee update:** Kossuth reported that the Legislature will adjourn soon. He reported that a bill that Robin Coombs had first proposed, which would limit the number of vehicles that disabled veterans could register without excise tax, had become law. Kossuth had worked with the MMA advocacy team on the bill, since the LPC chose not to pursue it as part of its platform, and the new law limits the excise tax exemption to three vehicles, which will continue to benefit disabled veterans and save money for all municipalities.

**GWI Ribbon Cutting:** Kossuth reported that GWI would be holding a ribbon-cutting event at Ruggles Park on Wednesday, June 25, at 11am to celebrate the completion of the fiber build-out in Town.

**MCOG General Assembly:** Kossuth reported that the Midcoast Council of Governments is holding its semi-annual General Assembly on Thursday, June 26, in Rockland, and that he is planning to attend.

**Computer upgrades:** Kossuth reported that the Town Office will be upgrading several of its computers and operating systems to keep them current. Microsoft will no longer support Windows 10 after October, so computers are being upgraded to Windows 11.

**ScrapDogs compost update:** Kossuth reported that he had spoken with ScrapDogs about adding a "drop-off only" component to the Town's collection site at the Transfer Station. Rockland and Belfast have similar arrangements. Kossuth is waiting for a draft memorandum of understanding from ScrapDogs.

**Minutes:** Kossuth presented the Board with minutes for the meeting of June 9. 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. Eugley reported that the next pay day is July 4, a holiday. Eugley asked the Board for permission to post payroll on Thursday, July 3, and the Board agreed.

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

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

**Adjourn:** *Tucker moved to adjourn at 8:12pm, seconded by Schauffler. Board voted 3-0, meeting adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted by,

James Kossuth, Town Administrator