

Town of Northport

Select Board Meeting

June 9, 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, Sandy Wallace.

Citizen Concerns: Wallace spoke to the Board about the upcoming School Board election.

Northport Village Corporation: Novotny reported that GWI will be hosting an event on Wednesday, June 25, from 11am to 1pm, at Ruggles Park, to celebrate the completion of the fiber-optic internet project. She also reported that the Overseers have developed a new policy and form for the use of public parks and spaces in the Village. The Donuts & Dialog about the Town/Village relationship is scheduled for Saturday, July 19, at 8am. Novotny and Kossuth will develop an agenda for the event. Novotny reported that the NVC wastewater system might not actually be at capacity, as previously reported. The Village is still trying to determine how close the system is to capacity.

Road Commissioner: Morse reported that most of the street sweeping was complete, and the sweeper will return to finish roads in Temple Heights. Morse reported that two more loads of road salt had been delivered, finishing the Town's salt contract for the year. Novotny asked Morse about shrubs in the right of way at the corner of George Street and Sea Street, and Morse said that he would look into the situation. Kossuth presented Morse and the Board with draft specifications for the bridge widening project on Bayside Road. Morse and the Board made suggestions for revising the specifications.

Town Administrator: Town Meeting prep: The Board discussed the upcoming Town Meeting. The Board asked Kossuth to speak with Lee Woodward, the moderator, to let him know about the articles likely to spur debate.

Town Office Fundraising Committee update: Kossuth reported that both Sen. Collins and Sen. King have agreed to support the Town's request for Congressionally Directed Spending. The Town's request will next be debated in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

New web host: Kossuth presented the Board with two proposals for a new web host, since the current host is going out of business. The Board approved the proposal from Zambit.

VFW Flags update: Kossuth reported that he had heard from Herman Littlefield, and Littlefield has decided not to put the flags up this year. Littlefield is looking for volunteers to take over from him.

Minutes: Kossuth presented the Board with minutes for the meeting of May 27. 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 resolution: Kossuth presented the Board with a resolution honoring Sid Block as the Spirit of America honoree. The Board signed the resolution.

New Business: Capstone Project: Kossuth reported that he had received a request from UMaine, which is looking for civil engineering design projects for its students to work on as a capstone. The Board discussed possible projects, including pedestrian safety on Bayside Road, reconfiguring the intersections of Cross St and Bayside Road with Route 1, and water drainage issues. Kossuth will share those ideas with UMaine.

Community Resilience Partnership grant: Kossuth reported that a new round of grant funding has opened up for the Community Action Grants. The Board agreed that the Climate Resilience Committee could pick a project worth applying for funding. Kossuth also reported that the Town's two-year membership in the Community Resilience Partnership needs to be renewed. The Board agreed that the Climate Resilience Committee could handle that process.

Adjourn: *Pinkham Bebb moved to adjourn at 8:16pm, seconded by Tucker. Board voted 3-0, meeting adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted by,

James Kossuth, Town Administrator