

Town of Northport

Select Board Meeting

November 10, 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: Breanna Pinkham Bebb, Jeanine Tucker, Molly Schauffler, James Kossuth, Vicki Eugley, Amon Morse, Janae Novotny, Rob Duplisea, Andrew Toomey, Sue Conard, John Burgess, Sharon Watson

Citizen Concerns: None at this time.

Property Revaluation: Rob Duplisea, RJD Appraisals, described the revaluation process that RJD Appraisals is currently performing for the Town. RJD has been the Town's assessing agent since 1988, and this is the second time RJD has performed a full revaluation for the Town. The Board asked Duplisea about the process and timeline for the work. Duplisea explained that residents can always ask the assessing agents questions when the agents are in the Town Office twice a month.

Northport Village Corporation: Novotny reported that the annual Halloween event was very successful. The swim floats need to be replaced, and the NVC is seeking quotes for that work. The Overseers held an orientation session for all members.

Road Commissioner: Morse reported that Drexel Bailey is doing fall clean-up for the Town. Ford is still waiting for the culverts for the project on Bayside Road at Schoolhouse Brook. The tree at the corner of Clinton and Broadway has been removed. Burgess asked Morse about straightening the "Welcome to Northport" sign on Route 1 at the Belfast line. Morse said that he will put a "BUMP" sign near the raised culvert on Upper Bluff Road and try to reset it in the spring.

New Business: **Waldo County Budget Committee update:** Pinkham Bebb provided an update on the status of the 2026 Waldo County budget process.

Solar Array for Town: Conard and Schauffler updated the Board on a meeting with Solar Logix and SunDog Solar about a possible Town-owned solar array at the old sand shed at 216 Beech Hill Road. The Board agreed to solicit formal proposals from each company for a 50 kW array to see if it would make sense to install one there. The Board asked Kossuth to ask for formal proposals in time for the next Board meeting.

Town Administrator: **Web host update:** Kossuth reported that the Town's transition to SJ Rollins as the website host was complete and everything seems to be working smoothly now.

Fundraising Committee update: **Website donation button:** Kossuth reported that he and Eugley are working on setting up a new bank account specifically to take online donations so that the Town can add an online donation option for the Town Office project fundraiser.

Proposed 2026 State Valuation: Kossuth shared the State's proposed 2026 property valuation with the Board. Even though the State uses a different method for estimating property value than the assessor, it should give the Board some sense of what the Town's total property value will be after the revaluation.

Health Officer Enforcement – 543 Atlantic Highway: Kossuth reported that CEO Toupie Rooney and Health Officer Peter Simpson had sent a notice of violation to the owner of 543 Atlantic Hwy for the trash in their yard. If the owner fails to remove the trash in 24 hours, the Town can clean it up and charge them for it. The Board asked Kossuth to keep them updated.

MCOG General Assembly Questionnaire: Kossuth reported that the Midcoast Council of Governments is holding its semiannual business meeting on November 20, and they have asked towns to respond to a questionnaire before the meeting. The Board discussed answers to the questionnaire with Kossuth, and he will share those with MCOG.

Minutes: Kossuth presented the Board with minutes for the Select Board meeting of October 27. The Board approved the minutes with edits.

Tax Collector: Personal Property Tax abatement: On behalf of the Tax Collector, Kossuth presented the Board with a personal property tax abatement request for personal property that left the Town in 2022. The Board granted the abatement.

Finance Director: Warrants: 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.

Adjourn: *Pinkham Bebb moved to adjourn at 8:24pm, seconded by Schauffler. Board voted 3-0, meeting adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted by,

James Kossuth, Town Administrator