

Town of Northport

Select Board Meeting

January 12, 2026 @ 6:15 pm

Chair: Breanna Pinkham Bebb

Finance Director: Vicki Eugley – excused absence

Vice Chair: Jeanine Tucker

Road Commissioner: Amon Morse

Municipal Officer: Molly Schauffler

NVC Representative: Janae Novotny – not present

Town Administrator: James Kossuth

**Present:** Beanna Pinkham Bebb, Jeanine Tucker, Molly Schauffler, James Kossuth, Amon Morse, Tinsley Morrison

**Citizen Concerns: Burnouts on Ryan Road:** Kossuth reported that he had received a complaint from a resident about vehicles performing burnouts on Ryan Road. The resident did not attend the meeting, and the Board discussed the issue with Morse, who reported that he has not seen any recent activity.

**Traffic Safety Committee:** Kossuth reported that he had heard from the resident who asked the Town to set up a traffic safety committee, asking what steps the Town intended to take. Kossuth reported that he had put calls for volunteers in two of the Town’s monthly newsletters and specifically asked three residents if they would like to serve on a committee, but he had been unable to find enough volunteers to form a committee. The Board suggested that the traffic safety issue might be better addressed as a committee in the NVC, where there seems to be more interest among residents and summer visitors.

**Northport Village Corporation:** No report.

**Road Commissioner:** Morse reported that Ford Enterprises had received the culvert materials necessary to begin work on the Schoolhouse Brook Bridge extension, and that Ford could begin the construction soon. Morse reported that there was a problem with the motor for the overhead door at the sand and salt garage. He is waiting for a vendor to inspect the motor and repair or replace it. Morse also reported that he will order more salt once the door is fixed. Tucker thanked Morse and the plowing contractor for their good work in recent storms.

**Town Administrator: Summer Intern opportunity:** Kossuth asked the Board for permission to create a summer internship position through the UMaine Margaret Chase Smith Center, as the Town had done successfully in 2024. Kossuth would like an intern to help with marketing and communications, including ensuring that the Town’s website complies with the regulations of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Board agreed.

**Town Office Project update:** Kossuth reported that he spoke on January 6 with Midcoast Council of Governments (MCOG) to ask for their assistance in administering the grant, and they are willing to help. MCOG will join Kossuth on a call with the USDA on January 16 to learn more about the USDA’s grant requirements.

**Health Officer Enforcement – 543 Atlantic Highway:** Kossuth reported that the trash continues to be a problem at 543 Atlantic Hwy. Kossuth mailed a certified letter to the owner, which stated that the Town may seek legal action if the owner does not clean the property. Kossuth reported that he did receive the return receipt, but the owner has not contacted him or CEO Toupie Rooney about removing the trash from the property.

**Bayview Park Stabilization Grant:** Kossuth reported that the Town has all the permits in place to begin the Bayview Park stabilization work, and, given the bid price for the Kelly Cove work, the grant money plus that

committed by the Town and the Village should be enough to cover the project. The Board agreed that Kossuth should proceed with assembling bid documents so that the project could be complete before the summer.

**UMaine Capstone Project update:** Kossuth reported that he had received earlier in the day a project proposal for the UMaine civil engineering students' capstone project studying erosion, waterflow, and traffic in the Temple Heights area. He has not had a chance to fully review the proposal, but it looks promising. The Board suggested that the Town might be able to use some of the students' recommendations for the basis of a Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund grant.

**Minutes:** Kossuth presented the Board with minutes for the Select Board meeting of December 22. The Board approved the minutes with edits.

**Tax Collector:** Kossuth on behalf of the Tax Collector presented the Board with an abatement request for R02-38A for \$87.37. The parcel had been divided into two but the Assessor had neglected to subtract the acreage from the original parcel. The Board approved 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: Waldo County Budget Committee update:** The Board expressed condolences at the death of Commissioner Betty Johnson. Pinkham Bebb reported that the January 9 budget committee meeting had been rescheduled, and that the Commissioners had been hard at work reducing budget expenditures for the next budget committee meeting.

**New Business: Draft Warrant Articles for Special Town Meeting:** Kossuth presented the Board with draft articles for the Special Town Meeting. The Board approved the articles with edits and signed the warrant.

**MMA Survey for Federal Delegation:** Kossuth presented the Board with a survey from the Maine Municipal Association for the Town's input on matters important to the Town for MMA to share with the State's congressional delegation. The Board filled in the survey for Kossuth to submit.

**Planning for Revaluation and Town Office Information Sessions:** The Board discussed topics to cover during the information sessions following the Special Town Meeting.

**Executive Session under 1 MRSA § 405(6)(C) to discuss or consider the use of real property or interests therein.**

*Pinkham Bebb moved to enter Executive Session under 1 MRSA § 405(6)(C) to discuss or consider the use of real property or interests therein, at 7:38pm, seconded by Schauffler. Board voted 3-0 to enter executive session.*

*Pinkham Bebb closed the Executive Session at 7:59pm.*

No action taken.

**Adjourn:** *Pinkham Bebb moved to adjourn at 8:00pm, seconded by Schauffler. Board voted 3-0, meeting adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted by,

James Kossuth, Town Administrator