

Town of Northport

Public Hearing and Select Board Meeting

October 15, 2025 @ 6:15 pm

Chair: Breanna Pinkham Bebb

Vice Chair: Jeanine Tucker – excused absence

Municipal Officer: Molly Schauffler

Town Administrator: James Kossuth

Finance Director: Vicki Eugley

Road Commissioner: Amon Morse

NVC Representative: Janae Novotny

Present: Breanna Pinkham Bebb, Molly Schauffler, James Kossuth, Vicki Eugley, Amon Morse, Janae Novotny, Mark Lynch

Citizen Concerns: None at this time.

General Assistance Ordinance Public Hearing: Pinkham Bebb opened the public hearing at 6:20pm. Kossuth explained the proposed changes to the General Assistance ordinance, as recommended by the Maine Municipal Association. Pinkham Bebb called for any public comments. Hearing none, she closed the public hearing at 6:25pm.

Schauffler moved to adopt the amended General Assistance ordinance, seconded by Pinkham Bebb. Board voted 2-0, ordinance adopted.

Northport Village Corporation: Novotny reported that planning is underway for the annual Halloween trick-or-treat in the Village. She also reported that she had heard several positive comments about the paving on Broadway.

Road Commissioner: Morse reported that he has spoken to several arborists about removing the tree at the corner of Clinton Ave and Broadway. The soonest that he could schedule one to do the work is in early November. Morse reported that he intends to cut brush along Nebraska Rd and replace several driveway culverts before winter.

Town Administrator: Block Brothers Mortgage Discharge: Kossuth reported that the State had closed out the Block Brothers Community Development Block Grant and that the Town could discharge the mortgage on the Block Brothers property. The Board agreed to discharge the mortgage.

Kelly Cove stabilization RFP draft: Kossuth presented the Board with a draft RFP for the shoreline stabilization at Kelly Cove. The Board agreed with the timing of the bid process and chose not to include a liquidated damages clause. Kossuth will post the RFP as amended by the Board.

Fundraising Committee update: Kossuth reported that the committee continues to meet and raise funds for the Town Office project.

Property Revaluation update: Kossuth reported that RJD Appraisals had started office work for the property revaluation. Rob Duplisea is able to attend an upcoming Select Board meeting to talk about the process. The Board agreed to invite him to the November 10 meeting.

Climate Resilience Committee update: Kossuth reported that the Climate Resilience Committee participated in the Climate Resilience Fair in Belfast on October 4. Schauffler reported that the event was lightly attended, but that she was able to have interesting conversations with representatives from other communities. Kossuth also reported that he had had his initial meeting with the UMaine civil engineering students working on their

capstone project regarding shoreline stabilization in Temple Heights. He will be meeting them for a site visit on October 23. The group will present a final report to the Town in the spring.

MMA Annual Convention recap: Kossuth reported on his takeaways from the Maine Municipal Association annual convention, including the possibility of using a summer intern to make sure the Town's website is ADA compliant ahead of an April 2027 deadline and thinking about ways to build on the success of Northportpalooza to get and keep more young people involved in the Town.

Drinkwater School soccer field fundraiser: Kossuth reported that he had been asked by the parents running the Drinkwater School soccer field fundraiser to post information on the Town's website. Because the parents are not officially a Town- or school-sponsored body, Kossuth asked the Board for permission. The Board agreed to post the information, because the parents are acting on behalf of and in support of a school sports team.

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

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.

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

Maine Power Options update: Schauffler provided an update on the Town's electricity supplier contract for the next year, and the news that Maine Power Options will be merging with similar organizations in other New England states to form Power Options. The services are expected to remain the same.

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

Pinkham Bebb opened the Executive Session at 8:12pm.

Pinkham Bebb closed the Executive Session at 8:42pm.

No action taken.

Adjourn: Pinkham Bebb moved to adjourn at 8:43pm, seconded by Schauffler. Board voted 2-0, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

James Kossuth, Town Administrator