

Town of Northport

Select Board Meeting

February 9, 2026 @ 6:15 pm

Chair: Breanna Pinkham Bebb

Finance Director: Vicki Eugley

Vice Chair: Jeanine Tucker

Road Commissioner: Amon Morse

Municipal Officer: Molly Schaufler

NVC Representative: Janae Novotny

Town Administrator: James Kossuth

Present: Beanna Pinkham Bebb, Jeanine Tucker, Molly Schaufler, James Kossuth, Vicki Eugley, Amon Morse, Janae Novotny, Ann Frenning Kossuth, Tinsley Morrison, Will Bebb, Liam Bebb, Hank Lang, Marjorie Crowley

Citizen Concerns: None at this time.

Northport Village Corporation: Novotny reported that the Overseers met on February 8, and they are working on a method for documenting and prioritizing infrastructure and utilities needs.

Road Commissioner: Morse reported that he has not heard from PDQ Door after their visit to inspect the Route 1 sand garage. Kossuth will follow up with PDQ. Tucker suggested that Kossuth also contact Bangor Overhead Door.

Town Administrator: New Ambulance Contract Price: Kossuth presented the Board with a letter from Belfast Ambulance with a new contract price for FY27, which Belfast proposes to double from FY26's price, and double again in FY28. Lang, as chief of Northport's EMS, answered the Board's questions about the Belfast ambulance service. The Board thanked Lang for his service to Northport EMS and fire.

Primary and Municipal Election, Annual Town Meeting dates: Kossuth reported that the State primary for governor and congressional offices will be Tuesday, June 9. The Board agreed to hold the Town's municipal elections on June 9, and the annual Town Meeting on Monday, June 15. Due to Pinkham Bebb's resignation, there will be two Select Board positions available in June: one for one year to finish Pinkham Bebb's term, and one regular three-year term.

Solar Project update: Kossuth reported CMP had rejected the Town's interconnection agreement because of a new State law effective December 31, 2025, that prohibits net energy billing projects that are "in front of the meter" (i.e., not on the same property as an existing electric meter). Kossuth reported that he had spoken with Danny Piper at Sundog, and the plan is for Kossuth to call CMP and reactivate the meter at the sand shed, so that the project would not be considered "in front of the meter" and would therefore be eligible for the net energy billing. Kossuth reported that the Town had received another \$12,000 in pledges for the solar project since the Special Town Meeting, and that the Town had recently submitted a \$20,000 grant request to the Hopwood Foundation.

Town Office Project update: Kossuth reported that he had received some follow-up questions from Evan Coleman regarding the proposed lease for the Point Lookout office space, but had not received Coleman's updated draft lease. The Board discussed Route 1 access issues, the second door to the conference room, plowing, and renewal terms. Kossuth will follow up with Coleman on these questions. Kossuth reported that he has been working on the USDA grant paperwork with USDA staff, and he hopes to have that resolved soon. Kossuth reported that he had spoken with Amanda Austin from 2a architects about the bidding and

construction schedule, and that she estimates that, assuming the USDA review proceeds apace, the Town may be able to go out to bid in June or July.

Fundraising Committee update: Kossuth reported that the Fundraising Committee continues its outreach and solicitation work. Kossuth also reported that a prospective donor had told Kossuth that the prospective donor had received harassing voicemail messages opposed to the donor's potential contribution to the project. The Board expressed its dismay at those messages, and asked Kossuth to convey the Board's support to that donor.

Temporary Liquor License Application – Crows Nest: Kossuth presented the Board with a temporary liquor license application for a September wedding at Crows Nest. The Board approved the application.

Minutes: Kossuth presented the Board with minutes for the Select Board meeting of January 26. 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: Waldo County Budget Committee update: Pinkham Bebb reported that the Budget Committee was proposing a budget with a 13.9% increase, and that there will be another public hearing before the Budget Committee votes on the budget.

Sad Business: Thanking and Wishing Godspeed to Breanna Pinkham Bebb: The Board and members of the public present thanked Pinkham Bebb for her service to the Town and wished her luck in her new role as County Commissioner.

New Business: LD2124 Testimony: Kossuth provided the Board with a draft of testimony in opposition to LD2124. The Board agreed to submit the testimony, with edits.

Executive Session under 1 MRSA § 405(6)(C) to discuss or consider the acquisition or 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 acquisition or use of real property or interests therein, at 7:17pm, seconded by Schauffler. Board voted 3-0 to enter executive session.

Pinkham Bebb closed the Executive Session at 7:44pm.

No action taken.

Adjourn: *Pinkham Bebb moved to adjourn at 7:45pm, seconded by Schauffler. Board voted 3-0, meeting adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted by,

James Kossuth, Town Administrator