

Town of Northport
Public Hearing and Select Board Meeting

May 11, 2026 @ 6:15 pm

Chair: Molly Schaffler

Finance Director: Vicki Eugley

Vice Chair: Jeanine Tucker

Road Commissioner: Amon Morse

Municipal Officer: [vacant]

NVC Representative: Janae Novotny

Town Administrator: James Kossuth

Present: Molly Schaffler, Jeanine Tucker, James Kossuth, Vicki Eugley, Karen Foxwell, Shelley Fein, VJ Guarino, Quinn Guarino, Terry Hackford, Andy Hackford, Deborah Eaton, John Blount, Danielle Vinci, Karen Young, Chris Maseychik, Chris Lewton, Joanna Lewton, Joseph Berube, Sandy Wallace, Henry Bodkin, Sarah Lafleur, Patricia Gladding, Brynna Ledyard, Ben Rooney, Lisa Truffa, Joe Gates, Erin Adams, Ruth Mazzeo, Liz Grant, Bruce Grant, Kathy Parrish, Bo Corey, Kyle Young, Dan Dow, Charlotte Giovanella, John Burgess, Linda Burgess, Bob Bonin, Mary Bonin, Andy Dumas, Johanna Strassberg, Timothy Morse, Laurie Morse, Susan Davens, Bruce Morehouse, Dan Webster, David Foley, Ethan Dubrow, Toupie Rooney, Judy Berk, Christine Anderson-Morehouse, Rob Brown, Justin Vinci, Tinsley Morrison, Atheline Wagner, Ann Frenning Kossuth, Bill Frysinger, and several others who did not sign in.

Public Hearing: Draft Moratorium Ordinance re RV Campgrounds:

Schaffler opened the public hearing at 6:17pm and asked for comments and questions about the draft moratorium.

Questions were asked whether the moratorium should also address other types of developments, such as large retail stores. The Board explained that none of those are currently planned in Town, so it does not make sense at this point to try to anticipate other projects that might be proposed during the term of the moratorium, if it passes. The Board also explained that revisions to the Site Plan Ordinance would be able to address other types of developments. A suggestion was made to have the revised Site Plan Ordinance focus on impacts rather than uses. Several residents volunteered to help with revisions to the Site Plan Ordinance.

The Board asked if there were any comments, concerns, or suggestions regarding the text of the draft moratorium itself.

Hearing none, and hearing no other questions, Schaffler closed the public hearing at 6:57pm.

The Board instructed Kossuth to finalize the draft moratorium and post it as soon as possible.

Northport Village Corporation: Novotny reported that summer plans in the Village are shaping up, the nominating committee is hard at work for the Overseer elections in August, the Village is planning a beach fire-safety document, and the new swim float will be delivered soon.

Road Commissioner: Morse reported that he plans to place the speed trailer near the school. He spoke to contractors about adding some rocks at the outlet of the culvert near 514 Shore Road, and it may be a few months before they have time in the schedule to do the work. Morse reported that the streets will be swept soon, and he will add some paint to the curb on the new sidewalk for safety.

Town Administrator: Spring Clean-up recap: Kossuth reported that nearly 60 volunteers turned out on Saturday, May 9, to clean up trash along Town roads. Kossuth thanked the event's sponsors, Hammond Lumber, Hannaford, Spark Bagel, and Scone Goddess. Kossuth thanked Pat Gladding and the Climate Resilience Committee for taking the lead on the organizing.

Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund grant application: Kossuth reported that he had submitted the Town's MIAF grant application for final design and construction on the UMaine capstone project's recommendations for three culverts on Shore Road in Temple Heights.

Community Resilience Partnership Round 7 grant application: Kossuth reported that members of the Climate Resilience Committee were presenting at the Lincolnville Select Board meeting to ask if Lincolnville would like to join Northport for a joint application for a Community Resilience Grant to work with WCAP on energy efficiency communications and outreach for low- to moderate-income households. That application is due June 5.

Community Resilience Partnership Round 6 grant award and formal bid process waiver: Kossuth reported that the Town has officially been awarded the Community Resilience Grant and signed the contract for the stormwater survey and compost pilot program. Kossuth reported that the State is allowing the Town to work with the contractor named in the grant application (FB Environmental) without putting the project out to bid. Kossuth asked the Board to waive the procurement policy and award the work to FB Environmental, given all the work that FB Environmental did in drafting the initial grant application.

Schauffler moved to waive the procurement process and award the project to FB Environmental, seconded by Tucker. Board voted 2-0, contract awarded.

UMaine Capstone Project proposal: Kossuth asked the Board if it would be interested in submitting a proposal to UMaine for a capstone civil engineering project related to the Cross St / Route 1 / Bayside Road area. The Board agreed that Kossuth could submit the proposal.

8 Beech Hill Road update: Kossuth reported that the Town now has a liability insurance policy in place for 8 Beech Hill. He reported that Amanda Austin would visit on May 13 to take measurements for the State Fire Marshall permit.

Town Office Project update: Kossuth reported that Gartley & Dorsky visited the site on May 11 to conduct a wetland and topographical survey of 8 Beech Hill. Once that survey is complete, the Town can amend the Army Corps and State DEP wetland permits and complete the environmental review.

Solar Project update: Kossuth reported that he filed the Town's request for an advisory opinion from the PUC regarding the solar array.

Document Scanning Project update: Kossuth reported that Records Solutions has the CEO's files for scanning, and will return them on May 20.

Spirit of America nomination: Kossuth suggested that the Board could name a single Spirit of America award winner this, and name the others next year. The Board agreed.

GWI Poles update: Kossuth reported that he spoke to GWI this week about removing the poles on Prescott Hill and burying the cable. GWI is trying to figure out a good solution and will keep in touch.

Minutes: Kossuth presented the Board with minutes from the April 27 Select Board meeting. The Board approved the minutes.

Waldo County Budget Committee: Kossuth reported that there is an opening on the Waldo County Budget Committee because of Breanna Pinkham Bebb's resignation from the Select Board. Neither Board member is able to fill that vacancy at this time, and it will have to be filled by another Municipal Officer from this district. Kossuth will notify the County.

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: None at this time.

Adjourn: *Schauffler moved to adjourn at 7:26pm, seconded by Tucker. Board voted 2-0, meeting adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted by,

James Kossuth, Town Administrator