

Town of Northport

Select Board Meeting

August 24, 2026 @ 6:15 pm

Chair: Molly Schauffler

Finance Director: Vicki Eugley

Vice Chair: Jeanine Tucker

Road Commissioner: Amon Morse

Municipal Officer: Tinsley Morrison

NVC Representative: Janae Novotny

Town Administrator: James Kossuth

Present: Molly Schauffler, Jeanine Tucker, Tinsley Morrison, James Kossuth, Vicki Eugley, Amon Morse, Janae Novotny, Steve Kazilionis, Dan Webster.

Citizen Concerns: Steve Kazilionis presented the results of additional traffic studies that he had performed at the Town's request on several Town roads, using Maine DOT traffic counters. The data showed traffic counts, speeds, and times of day. Kazilionis asked the Board to consider adding some temporary traffic calming measures to roads in the Village as a trial, and he offered to draft a formal written request. The Board thanked Kazilionis for his work, and agreed that some of the areas in the study show that speeding is common. The Board will look forward to reading his request.

Northport Village Corporation: Novotny reported that summer activities are winding down. Pinkerton & Sons will be moving trash pick-up to Tuesdays only, starting after Labor Day. Late pick-up continues to be a problem, and she hopes that Pinkerton will be able to collect all the trash and bring it to the Transfer Station before it closes. Kossuth asked about a tree that a resident had been asking the Village and Town to look at, and Novotny reported that the tree is entirely on private property.

Road Commissioner: Morse reported that the winter sand has been delivered. The vent fan in the sand garage is malfunctioning and needs service. He is finalizing the specs for fall brush cutting. He will move the speed feedback trailer to Beech Hill Road near the Town Office.

Town Administrator: Joint Lincolnville / Northport Select Board meeting discussion items: Kossuth reported that the Lincolnville Select Board had asked whether there were any topics that the two Boards should discuss after their joint meeting with Maine DOT. The Board would like to discuss issues such as the Pitcher Pond dam, Northport's recent grant proposal for an energy coaching program, and pedestrian safety efforts in Lincolnville Center and Lincolnville Beach.

Town Office / 8 Beech Hill Road update: Kossuth reported that he had received an updated cost estimate for the renovations at 8 Beech Hill Road. The new estimate includes \$15,700 for an ADA bathroom, which, given that that would be approximately 1/3 of the total renovation costs, means that the Town will not be required to install it. The Town still needs to submit the permit application to the State Fire Marshall's Office and receive approval before it can begin construction next door. The Board asked Kossuth to put the renovations out to bid as soon as a full scope of work is available.

Andrew Hedrich of Gartley & Dorsky is working on a sketch showing the new septic field and the temporary parking lot, which the Town will need both for the Planning Board and State Fire Marshall review.

Zuhlke can remove the two trees after Northportpalooza on September 20.

GWl Poles update: Kossuth reported that GWl informed him that they intend to remove all of the unpermitted poles on Prescott Hill Road before the end of September.

Fundraising Committee / Naming Rights policy: Kossuth presented the Board with a draft naming rights policy. The Board had some additional edits.

Climate Resilience Committee update: Kossuth reported that members of the Committee had handed out ten food scrap buckets at the Transfer Station in just about an hour. Kossuth also presented the Board with a chart showing the week-by-week food scrap collection totals.

Northport College Scholarship: Kossuth reported that a 2025 recipient of the Northport scholarship did not use his award in 2025, because his tuition was entirely covered by other scholarships and grants, and he would like to use the funds towards his sophomore year tuition. The Board asked Kossuth to revise the scholarship policy to allow that, as long as the Town has sufficient funds available.

Social Services Donations: The Board decided to fund the following organizations: Northport Food Pantry, \$2500; Waldo Community Action Partners, \$3500; Waldo County Woodshed, \$1000; Spectrum Generations, \$500.

Browns Head Notice of Violation: Kossuth reported that the Code Enforcement Officer had issued a notice of violation to a resident on Browns Head Rd for clear-cutting land within the shoreland zone. Kossuth will keep the Board updated as the CEO works towards a resolution with the landowner.

ScrapDogs memorandum of understanding: Kossuth reported that he had received a draft memorandum of understanding from ScrapDogs, which covers both the subscriber and free drop-offs at the Transfer Station. Kossuth explained the new MOU to the Board, and the Board agreed that Kossuth could sign it.

Distribution of Meeting Packets: Kossuth reported that he had received a request to post not just the agenda, but also the meeting materials, prior to Board meetings. The Board agreed that Kossuth should do that, so long as all draft materials are appropriately labeled as such.

Minutes: Kossuth presented the Board with minutes from the August 10 Select Board meeting. The Board approved the minutes with minor edits.

Tax Collector: Abatement Requests: Kossuth presented the Board with abatement requests for 1367 Atlantic Hwy (Map U2-2) and 38 Broadway (Map U4-19). The Board approved both requests.

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.

Reserve Fund Balance Transfers: Eugley asked the Board for authorization to take the following actions: (a) transfer \$2,063.42 from the Sand/Salt Shed Special Reserve to the General Fund to pay the Chris Alley Electric invoice; (b) transfer \$778.85 from the Digital Mapping Special Reserve to the General Fund to be applied towards the Dirigo Spatial Systems invoice of \$1,230.15 and to close that account; (c) transfer \$16,393.00 from the Marine Special Reserve to the General Fund for the Prock Marine invoice for a float. The Board approved all of the transfers and closing the Digital Mapping Special Reserve account.

Waldo County Finance Advisory Committee: Eugley reported on the most recent meeting of the County's Finance Advisory Committee. The Committee will be meeting weekly as County budget season begins.

Unfinished Business: None at this time.

New Business: None at this time.

Adjourn: *Tucker moved to adjourn at 7:39pm, seconded by Morrison. Board voted 3-0, meeting adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted by,

James Kossuth, Town Administrator