

Town of Northport
Public Hearing and Select Board Meeting

September 9, 2026 @ 6:15 pm

Chair: Molly Schauffler	Finance Director: Vicki Eugley
Vice Chair: Jeanine Tucker	Road Commissioner: Amon Morse – excused absence
Municipal Officer: Tinsley Morrison	NVC Representative: Janae Novotny
Town Administrator: James Kossuth	

Present: Molly Schauffler, Jeanine Tucker, Tinsley Morrison, James Kossuth, Vicki Eugley, Bill Laurita, Janae Novotny, Breanna Pinkham Bebb, Jason Trundy, Dan Webster.

Public Hearing: *Schauffler opened the public hearing at 6:15pm.* Bill Laurita of Swans Island Blankets was there for the public hearing for Phase II of his Community Development Block Grant process. Kossuth explained that the public hearing was necessary to give the public the opportunity to comment, especially for projects that involve housing or new construction, neither of which is involved here. Tucker asked whether Laurita had ordered the new loom yet, and Laurita responded that he is waiting until the funding is available. Schauffler asked about the current state of business, and Laurita responded that business is going well. Schauffler called for any public comments or questions. ***Hearing none, Schauffler closed the public hearing at 6:25pm.***

Citizen Concerns: None at this time.

Waldo County: County Commissioner Breanna Pinkham Bebb updated the Board on recent developments in the Waldo County government, including the latest regarding the budget process for the upcoming year. Sheriff Jason Trundy provided the Board with Sheriff's Office law enforcement statistics for Northport and answered the Board's questions about law enforcement and jail funding in the County. Commissioner Pinkham Bebb invited the Board to keep open channels of communication with her. The Board thanked both Commissioner Pinkham Bebb and Sheriff Trundy for their service.

Northport Village Corporation: Novotny reported that the first Overseers meeting with the new members is September 13. She reported that Pinkerton will be picking up trash in the Village on Tuesdays only until next spring. Novotny reported that she had received complaints about tree removal in the shoreland, and that she had contacted Code Enforcement Officer Toupie Rooney to investigate.

Road Commissioner: No report.

Town Administrator: Draft Letter to Maine DOT re traffic calming: Kossuth presented the Board with a draft letter written by a resident for the Board to edit before sending to Maine DOT regarding investigating traffic calming measures around Town. Schauffler suggested that the Board and Kossuth edit the letter and consider it at the next meeting.

Catering Liquor License for Camp DeForest: Kossuth presented the Board with an application for a catering liquor license for Camp DeForest for an upcoming private event. Kossuth recommended that the Board table the request until the next meeting. Camp DeForest will also require a Special Amusement Permit because the event will have live music, and the public hearing for that permit has been noticed for the September 23 meeting. The Board agreed to table the application.

Town Office / 8 Beech Hill Road update: Kossuth reported that he has been working with Amanda Austin to finalize the plans for the renovation and site work at 8 Beech Hill Road. He also met with Matt Brown of Brown's Excavation to get a quote for the gravel parking lot and paved handicap stall. Kossuth and Austin expect to have the renovation plans and scope of work finalized by September 10 so the Town can start soliciting bids to do the work. The bids would be due October 9, to be awarded at the Board meeting on October 14.

Fundraising Committee / Northportpalooza planning update: Kossuth reported that planning for the Northportpalooza on September 20 is proceeding apace, and the event promises to be even bigger than last year.

Waldo County Hazard Mitigation Plan update: Kossuth reported that FEMA had approved the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Town will now be eligible for hazard mitigation grants from FEMA to work on any of the areas that the Town had identified in its vulnerability assessment.

Climate Resilience Committee update: Kossuth reported that members of the Committee had handed out several more food scrap buckets at the Transfer Station, and over 60 have now been distributed. Kossuth also reported that FB Environmental will soon begin the work on the stormwater survey under the grant.

AngelCom services quote: Kossuth reported that he and Eugley met with AngelCom about updating the Town's service agreement, which had not changed since AngelCom bought the Town's prior IT vendor. The proposed service agreement includes some important security measures and payment for all of the backup that the Town actually receives. Kossuth reported that he had consulted nearby municipalities, and the new pricing was in line with what other towns are currently paying. Kossuth and Eugley still have some questions about the proposal, and the Board asked them to follow up with AngelCom before the Board makes a decision.

Minutes: Kossuth presented the Board with minutes from the August 24 Select Board meeting. The Board gladly approved the minutes.

Tax Collector: Abatement Requests: On behalf of the Tax Collector, Kossuth presented the Board with abatement requests for 36 Stone Drive (Map R8-18-10); 185 Glenwood Lane (Map R5-11-17); 430 Beech Hill Road (Map R3-1); 38 Broadway (Map U4-19) (Village taxes only); 38 Bog Road (Map R1-33). The Board approved all 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.

Unfinished Business: None at this time.

New Business: None at this time.

Adjourn: *Schauffler moved to adjourn at 8:02pm, seconded by Tucker. Board voted 3-0, meeting adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted by,

James Kossuth, Town Administrator