

Northport Village Corporation
Meeting of the Board of Overseers
July 27, 2003

President Ken Vlodek called to order the meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Northport Village Corporation on July 27, 2003, at 10:05 AM in the Bayside Community Hall. Present were Overseers Crofoot, Smith, Doucette, Rohweder, Krulis, Closter, Treasurer Handler, Clerk Lagner, and the president, as well as approximately 30 citizens.

The minutes of the June 22, 2003, meeting were approved as amended. The minutes of the special meeting on July 13, 2003, were approved.

Treasurer Handler gave the treasurer's report as follows:

General Government	
Checking	\$59,369.55
Community Hall	470.57
Money Market	<u>42,950.23</u>
Total	<u>\$102,790.35</u>

Water Department	
Checking	<u>\$41,436.30</u>
Total	<u>\$41,436.30</u>

Sewer Department	
Checking	\$48,304.87
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Money Market	<u>3,797.05</u>
Total	<u>\$72,044.57</u>

He concluded his report with thanks to Madeline Tomlin, Village bookkeeper, for her work over the past year.

Vlodek gave a brief review of the Northport Selectmen's meeting. Frank Therio, CEO, has distributed a handout entitled "To Shoreland Zone Property Owners" which explains the salient points of the Shoreland Zoning laws, especially concerning the cutting of trees.

Tim Samway presented a petition signed by 25 residents, requesting an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance section 1.6.4 "EXPANSION OF NON CONFORMING STRUCTURES" to remove the words "or the existing height of the preexisting structure." The petition asks that Section 4.1.2 BASIC REQUIREMENTS be changed to read "No building shall exceed 35 ft in height, exclusive of chimneys or ventilators."

Samway explained the reasoning behind the petition as follows: While new structures now are limited to a height of 35 ft, a pre-existing house cannot be raised higher than 3 ft above its original height, which is often less than the 35 ft limitation. The petition asks that owners of pre-existing homes and new homes be treated equally.

Doucette moved, seconded by Smith, that the Overseers hold a hearing on Saturday, August 16, at 10:00 AM for the purpose of discussing the change to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by petition. **Voted.**

Samway then presented his understanding that the Parking Ordinance article as written for the Annual Meeting Warrant is incorrect. He stated first that a parking ordinance is not

created by vote of the town residents but is the Overseers' responsibility. Therefore, there should not be a warrant article at all, and furthermore, if any vote were taken, the Overseers do not stipulate the type of vote, so the warrant should not say "by written ballot." The issue is confused by the fact that the hearing for the Parking Ordinance is scheduled for the same day as the Annual Meeting. Crofoot quoted a document from Attorney Metcalf which clearly stated how the ordinance should be presented, giving the actual wording of the Article for the Warrant. Crofoot voted, seconded by Smith, to submit the issue to Village attorney for an opinion on the manner in which we propose this parking ordinance and publish it, and we do this promptly because we must post the notice seven days before the meeting. **Voted.**

Samway also presented a resident complaint from Claire Porter. The contractor moved the Porter cottage property stakes on Broadway during construction, then failed to put them back correctly, re-installing the driveway in the wrong place. This information will be passed on to the contractors.

Village Agent

Community Hall

Doucette moved, seconded by Crofoot, that \$4,000 be allocated for the replacement of the shingles on the north side of the Community Hall roof. **Voted.**

Wharfmaster

Crofoot moved, seconded by Smith, that Gordon Fuller be appointed Wharfmaster. **Voted.** Fuller will be asked to complete the list of areas needing attention in Bayside for the Northport Harbor Committee and further investigate the status of a wharf replacement fund.

Todd Merolla asked that the Wharfmaster look into the problems caused by people fishing from the boat float. Larger signs that clearly state the rules should be posted.

Water-Wastewater

Vlodek gave the Utility Committee Meeting report for July 18, 2003. Eleven residents in Birchcrest have paid for water connections.

Bill Paige is still having to repair the water meter installations. He was asked to document his repairs. Some water meter installations are running into problems. Unique conditions need to be faced, but dealing with individual issues will be deferred until the options are made clear.

Bids for the Phase II work will be opened at 11:00 AM on August 12, 2003.

A progress report from Lynch showed work completed and scheduled. Fancy also presented a copy of Reimbursement Request #8 to Rural Development. Presented, too, were the results of research by Kirsten at Maine Water which explained who would be eligible to vote for the Utility District, and subsequently for the trustees if the District is established. Because of misinformation circulating through the community, Vlodek scheduled another hearing concerning the Bayside Utilities District for August 9, 2003, at 10:00 AM in the Community Hall.

Wastewater treatment plant odor: The Committee recommended that a pump truck be brought in during the coming week to remove the sludge, as the odor in Ruggles Park is very unpleasant. The engineers (Woodard & Curran) oppose a summer pumping, saying

it is impractical to remove the sludge during the summer months due to odor and noise. Fancy presented a letter dated July 25, 2003, which stated that he disagreed with the finding of the Utility Committee. After discussion, it was decided to let the Utility Committee vote stand, and the treatment plant will be pumped out immediately.

Jane Baddershall has offered to assist in setting up the new computer in the village office. Krulis moved, seconded by Doucette, that the Board temporarily have Jane Baddershall work on the computer here in the Village Office until which point a more permanent solution is found. **Voted.**

Finance

Doucette presented copies of the Audit for 2002.

Parks

Jane Phillips reported that the Garden Club and Parks Committee have merged. By their request, Doucette moved, seconded by Crofoot, that a wooden fence be erected along the Broadway side of Merithew Square. **Voted.**

Crofoot moved, seconded by Doucette, that railroad ties be used to define the parking area at the foot of Ruggles Park. **Voted.**

Information

Ed Williams will be working on the voter lists.

Recreation

Krulis reported that the children's games were very successful on July 4.

Safety

A letter was read from Justin Sanderson expressing his concern about the manner in which Police Chief Demeo requested that his wife move their car temporarily parked in front of their house while a moving van was being loaded. A letter from Demeo responding to this accusation of "harassment" was also presented.

The "wrong way" sign on lower Maple Street needs to be repainted.

Historical Society

The new roof is completed, and work is about to begin on the front porch.

The printed annual report for 2002 was presented, ready for distribution.

By vote of Doucette, seconded by Smith, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Eleanor Lagner, Clerk