

**Northport Village Corporation  
Board of Overseers  
July 11, 2004**

On July 11, 2002, at 9:35 AM, President Huntoon called the meeting to order of the NVC Board of Overseers in the Community Hall meeting room with Overseers Allen, Brockway, Crofoot, Hanrahan, Metcalf, Robbins, Spollett, Treasurer Doucette, Superintendent Fancy, Clerk Lagner, and about 10 residents present.

Approval of the minutes was deferred.

The treasurer's report followed:

Balances on hand:

General Government	\$90,290.11
Water Department	\$12,342.53
Sewer Department	\$ 7,872.29

It was requested that future reports include budget figures for the sewer and water departments, to accompany the budget statement now prepared for the General Fund.

Metcalf is concerned that costs for the July 4 entertainment have not been billed as yet. She will contact Lisa Webster.

**Visitors' Concerns**

Robbins; Some residents have asked him about the parking ordinance. They feel that their wishes expressed in the straw vote at last year's annual meeting advising against the ordinance were ignored. Metcalf explained that the ordinance was re-written to reflect the community's wishes. Crofoot offered to explain the history of the creation of the parking ordinance during committee reports at the 2004 annual meeting.

Metcalf has received inquiries about the removal of the post office box in Ruggles Park. Metcalf will talk with the postmaster. Anyone wishing to put mailboxes on Village property must receive permission from the Overseers.

Hanrahan requests that the Overseers look into the issue of the RV being parked by her cottage, on Village land. Field claims he was given an easement some time around 1995 granting him access. Lagner will look at the minutes, although Metcalf says such an easement would not necessarily allow parking.

Lagner expressed concern over the erosion of the public path next to Union Cottage. Hanrahan moved, seconded by Crofoot, that the Lagners be authorized to repair the right-of-way by the Union Cottage, and the Village will reimburse their expenditures up to \$500. **Voted.**

Spollett asked how we could ensure better response from Agent Paige on getting tasks accomplished. Paige checks a notebook in the office each day, so requests needing his attention should be entered there. A complete job description for the Village Agent

position would clarify responsibilities. Paige also has asked for an assistant whom he could train in the job.

Tim Samway is concerned about the hole in the road next to the library. A letter has been delivered to the Town. While waiting to hear from the Town, the Village can fill it with gravel.

### **John Fancy-Utilities**

- Crofoot explained a problem with the interest rate assessed for unpaid sewer bills. In the June 13th meeting, it was voted to charge 6.5% interest. Traditionally the state has a formula based on the prime rate which currently sets utilities interest at 12% per year, or .949 per month on unpaid bills. Crofoot moved, seconded by Metcalf, that, in reconsideration of the vote of the Overseers on June 13, interest assessed on sewer bills will be at an annual and monthly rate as determined by the state of Maine formula. **Voted.**

- Contract for Phase I is approaching completion. The warrantee contract with Lynch expires some time next winter.

- Contract #2 is coming along well. Sargent & Sargent will be substantially completed by the end of July.

- A letter has been received from Denise, a Kelly Cove resident, saying they are taking action on the sewer problem. If nothing is done by September, our ordinance allows us to go in and fix the problem (since they are connected to the public sewer) then bill the owners.

### **Utility Committee**

- A new Windows-based software program has been purchased for billing. Jane Badershall is setting it up. The Village clerk will be trained, and Crofoot also hopes to be knowledgeable on the running of this new system.

- Water and sewer account statements have not been received from Madeline. Fancy will contact her.

- Metcalf moved, seconded by Crofoot, that we set up a reserve account, the purpose of which is to fund the wastewater plant replacement investigation, and the expense of appropriate infrastructure costs associated with that. **Voted.**

### **Safety**

The police car needs repair. Allen moved, seconded by Robbins, that we appropriate \$700 for repair of the police car. **Voted.**

The content of the Annual Report was finalized.

The next Overseers' meeting will be August 8 at 9:30. The Utilities Committee will meet August 6.

## **Annual Meeting**

-The Nominating Committee has announced a "meet-the-candidates" get-together on Saturday, August 7.

- The Junior Yacht Club would like to sell water in the basement during the annual meeting. Permission given.

- Registrars will be set up downstairs in the Community Hall one hour before the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

Eleanor Lagner, Clerk