

Northport Village Corporation

Overseers' Meeting August 13, 2006

Minutes

Present: Josiah Huntoon, President; Julian Sheffield, Treasurer; Betty Wilson, Clerk; Overseers Peter Allen, Margaret Brockway, Linda Houghton, Rick Melone, Judy Metcalf, Judy Rohweder; Bill Paige, Village Agent; Dick Brockway, Jim Coughlin, Tim Samway; and Karen Hoedtke, Secretary.

The Officers and Overseers were duly sworn in by Clerk Wilson.

The approval of the last minutes was postponed until the next meeting. There was no treasurer's report. The warrants were circulated for approval and signature.

Review of the Annual Meeting: Samway made the following comments:

1. Suggested that the Overseers send a note of thanks to Peter Spollett for the additional microphones.
2. The Moderator should see a draft of the warrant prior to posting.
3. The Village might be better served if the chairman of the nominating committee was not an Overseer. (Metcalf noted that the chairman was not a candidate for overseer for the year for which candidates were solicited)
4. A law of the State of Maine requires a 2/3 majority vote of the voters present to allow a non-voter to speak at an Annual Meeting.
5. Staggered terms for the Overseers might be worth a study. (Metcalf noted that review of the By-Laws will be given priority this year.)

Village Agent Paige reported:

1. That the drain in Ruggles Park is in, with smoothing and seeding scheduled for Sunday or Monday.
2. The problem at the bottom part of Bayview Park is being worked out.
3. The swim float will be pulled out on Labor Day.
4. The end of the causeway needs to be watched as it is tipping out; the timbers on the north side are getting tender.
5. The timbers in the bulkhead where the parking is also are getting tender.

Tree Warden – Jane Phillips was not present but sent word that the arborist would be in the Village and the charge for all the trimming would be on the order of \$1,500. Metcalf moved and Brockway seconded to authorize the arborist to do the work at a cost of up to \$1,500. **Voted.**

Visitors' Concerns: Jim Coughlin expressed thanks for the increased police presence on Bluff, that it definitely has made a difference. He noted that the Yacht Club is planning to

raise and level the building, possibly orient it differently which might create a work space for boats on the side. If any changes are made to the present traffic pattern, there should be continuing dialog between the Board and the Yacht Club as to the areas which can or cannot be used. Metcalf mentioned that the biggest problem the Club would have would be with regard to shoreland zoning. She suggested having a dedicated Utilities trustee work with the Yacht Club, that Therio might appreciate a jointly signed application. She also suggested that the Yacht Club secure estimates and schedule a meeting with Dick McElhaney. On another note, Coughlin said that there are some old culverts in good condition behind the reservoir, that he would be interested in purchasing some. He is to check them out and submit a proposal.

Dick Brockway is preparing informational boards of historic interest and requested permission to place them on NVC property at up to 12 sites throughout the Village. It was suggested that, if approved, the signs should be removed after Columbus Day which would help minimize loss and save on winter wear-and-tear. Metcalf moved and Houghton seconded that the BHPS be permitted to place up to 12 historical signs throughout the Village on NVC property.

Committee Organization: The assignments are as follows:

Communications – Metcalf

Facilities – Brockway

Finance – Cressey. Sheffield recommended adding Rohweder as a signer on the General account in place of David Crofoot, but leaving the Utilities accounts as they are at present. Metcalf moved and Allen seconded that Judy Rohweder be added as signatory on the General account. **Voted.**

Safety – Allen

Surface Runoff – Cressey

Tree Warden – Phillips

Utilities – Allen moved and Brockway seconded that the Utilities Committee would consist of Rohweder, 3 yrs; Metcalf, 2 yrs; Houghton, 1 yr; Crofoot, 2 yrs; Strauss, 1 yr remaining of her term. **Voted.**

Metcalf reported that there were no violations during June and July, that the re-calibration has made the readings much more accurate. The DEP came and looked at the treatment plant, the emergency light to show a power outage needs to be installed. The sewer plant is all underground and any type of compression will cause a shifting toward the shore. The Utilities Committee recommends to the Board that there be no parking at the site, that signs be placed to demarcate the area. A letter should be sent to the Yacht Club explaining the concerns. Metcalf moved and Brockway seconded to place signs that demarcate the entire area of the tanks with no parking under any circumstances. **Voted.** Coughlin would like something there during the Around Islesboro Race. Sal Demeo will place yellow tape around the signs.

A letter was received from Ed Williams and reviewed; a letter in response was proposed.

Allen has spoken with the road commissioner about speed signs. If they are not put in place, it was deemed appropriate to offer to purchase and put up the signs and bill the Town.

The kayak reported missing at the last meeting was found by Cindy Bravo.submerged

The next meeting of the Overseers will be September 3rd at 8:00.

Metcalf moved and Brockway seconded to adjourn at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Hoedtke