

Annual Report  
of the  
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS  
of the  
**Northport Village Corporation**

August 14, 2007

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## **Dedication**

This Annual Report is humbly dedicated with deep gratitude to the brave men and women of the Northport Volunteer Fire Department and the friends and neighbors who risked their lives and personal safety to protect the homes of the residents of Main and Maple Street, Bayside on November 24, 2006.

We all have different reasons that we love this small village. We talk of the beauty of the Bay, the clarity of the air, the friendships and families that are renewed each season.

We all were reminded, however, that one real wonder of Bayside is in the character, courage and kindness of those who give aid without caution and comfort without reservation.

The evidence of the extent of the tragedy stood stark against the dark sky on that grim night. But, the proof of the bravery of these firefighters, trained and amateur was what will endure.

The entire Community gave thanks that day of Thanksgiving for what was saved. And with this Dedication, we give thanks anew.

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## **Northport Village Corporation**

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Fire 911  
Medical 911  
Waldo County Sheriff 338-2040 or 1-800-660-3398

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Village Office 813 Shore Road  
Northport, Maine 04849

338-0751  
[nvc@prexar.com](mailto:nvc@prexar.com)

Village Office Hours Tuesday – Friday 9:30 – 3:30;  
Saturday 9:30 – 12:00

Village Agent Bill Paige, 338-0751

Utilities Superintendent Dick McElhaney, 338-0751

Wharfmaster Gordon Fuller, 338-5387  
Assistants Drexel White, 338-6085; Ed Williams 338-2616 (summer)  
338-2236 (winter)

Harbormaster Drexel White, 338-6085

Direct all questions to the NVC office.

Meetings of the Board of Overseers are posted on the Village Bulletin Boards.

The NVC Annual Meeting is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in August.

NVC owns and operates the water and sewer systems.

# **Northport Village Corporation**

## **Village Officers**

### President

Josiah Huntoon

### Treasurer

Julian Sheffield

### Clerk

Elizabeth Wilson

### Board of Overseers

January 1 – August 2006

Peter Allen, Margaret Brockway, William Cressey, David Crofoot, Linda Houghton,  
Judy Metcalf, Peter Spollett

August 8, 2006 – August 14, 2007

Peter Allen, Margaret Brockway, William Cressey, Linda Houghton, Rick Melone, Judy  
Metcalf, Judy Rohweder

Public Notice  
Northport Village Corporation  
Annual Meeting  
August 14, 2007  
6:30 PM

To Sal Demeo, Police Chief of the Northport Village Corporation in the County of Waldo, State of Maine.

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Northport Village Corporation in Waldo County, Maine, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Community Hall in Bayside on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 2007, at 6:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles:

Article 1: To choose a Moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: President's Report.

Article 3: Treasurer's Report.

Article 4: To see if the Northport Village Corporation will vote to appropriate and authorize a majority of the overseers of the Corporation to borrow on behalf of the Northport Village Corporation a principal amount not to exceed \$400,000 and to issue and sell for that purpose general obligation bonds or notes of the Northport Village Corporation, the proceeds to be used for the purpose of financing improvements to the waterfront, wharf, and roads within the Village Corporation including but not limited to reconstruction of the causeway, the roads, and beach breakwater, such bonds and notes to be issued upon such further terms or conditions as may be determined by a majority at least of the overseers of the Northport Village Corporation, and further to authorize the overseers to accept and expend federal or state grants, execute any and all contracts and documents and take any and all actions necessary or convenient to issue the bonds or notes of the Northport Village Corporation and accomplish the Project.

Financial Statement

1. Total Indebtedness

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$ 1,316,283
B. Bonds authorized and unissued	\$ 0
C. Bonds to be issued if this question is approved:	\$ 400,000

TOTAL	\$ 1,716,283
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2. Costs

At an estimated interest rate of 5 % for a term of 15 years, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal	\$ 400,000
Interest	\$ 178,053
Total Debt Service	\$ 578,053

### 3. Validity

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

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/S/  
Treasurer, Northport Village Corporation

Article 5: To see if the Northport Village Corporation will vote to appropriate and authorize a majority of the overseers of the Corporation to borrow on behalf of the Northport Village Corporation a principal amount not to exceed \$200,000 and to issue and sell for that purpose general obligation bonds or notes of the Northport Village Corporation, the proceeds to be used for the purpose of financing improvements to the Sewer System within the Village Corporation including but not limited to repair of Collection Piping, Wastewater Outfall and Treatment Plant, such bonds and notes to be issued upon such further terms or conditions as may be determined by a majority at least of the overseers of the Northport Village Corporation, and further to authorize the overseers to accept and expend federal or state grants, execute any and all contracts and documents and take any and all actions necessary or convenient to issue the bonds or notes of the Northport Village Corporation and accomplish the Project.

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TOTAL	\$ 1,516,283



for reconstruction of shoreline damage to property owned by the Northport Village Corporation as a result of a storm, or repair of roads owned by the Corporation.

Article 9: To fix a rate of interest on taxes delinquent after November 30, 2007, equal to that charged by the Town of Northport.

Article 10: To approve the proposed new Fire Ordinance.

Article 11: To approve the proposed Bylaw changes.

Article 12: To elect the Officers by written ballot (President, Clerk, and Treasurer).

Article 13: To elect Overseers by written ballot.

Article 14: Reports of Committees:

#### ADJOURNMENT

Dated: July 15, 2007

Northport Village Corporation  
Josiah P. Huntoon, Jr., President  
Elizabeth Wilson, Clerk  
Julian Sheffield, Treasurer

#### BOARD OF OVERSEERS

Peter Allen  
Margaret Brockway  
William Cressey  
Rick Melone  
Linda Houghton  
Judy Metcalf  
Judy Rohweder

A true copy of the warrant,  
Attest: Elizabeth Wilson, Clerk  
Northport Village Corporation

Note: Due to early publication, this warrant may be changed or amended before the August 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Current annual financials and Auditor's Report will be provided at the Annual Meeting.

**Northport Village Corporation  
General Government**

	<b>BUDGET 2006</b>	<b>Actual 2,006</b>	<b>Variance 2006</b>	<b>BUDGET 2007</b>	<b>BUDGET 2008</b>	<b>Variance 07-08</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>						
4010 · Taxes-Real Estate	132,176	132,225	100.04%	159,350	164,500	103.23%
4020 · Taxes-Prior Years		575	-			
4030 · Town Reimbursement	25,000	25,000	100.00%	25,000	25,000	100.00%
4040 · Investment Income		208				
4050 · Other Revenue		1,160				
4060 · Interest on Taxes		173				
MISCELLANEOUS		0				
Special		25				
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>157,176</b>	<b>159,366</b>	<b>101.39%</b>	<b>184,350</b>	<b>189,500</b>	<b>102.79%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>						
6010 · Village Officials	1,100	1,100	99.99%	1,100	1,100	100.00%
6020 · Village Agent	18,000	18,291	101.62%	18,000	19,000	105.56%
6030 · Office Personnel	6,000	8,281	138.02%	7,000	6,600	94.29%
6050 · Tax Collection	1,876	3,026	161.29%	3,500	3,500	100.00%
6060 · Professional Services	8,300	2,702	32.56%	5,000	4,000	80.00%
6070 · Payroll Processing	3,500	486	13.87%	500	500	100.00%
6080 · Legal Fees	3,000	200	6.67%	2,000	2,000	100.00%
6090 · Payroll Taxes & Benefits	3,000	3,615	120.49%	2,500	8,700	348.00%
6100 · Building & Utilities	7,000	5,588	79.83%	8,000	8,000	100.00%
6110 · Insurance & Bonding	7,300	6,338	86.83%	7,300	3,600	49.32%
6120 · MMA Membership	550	550	100.00%	550	550	100.00%
6130 · Office Expense	1,200	994	82.82%	1,200	1,200	100.00%
6190 · Miscellaneous Expense	5,900	5,850	99.15%	6,000	6,000	100.00%
	<b>66,726</b>	<b>57,021</b>	<b>85.45%</b>	<b>62,650</b>	<b>64,750</b>	<b>103.35%</b>
<b>ROADS</b>						
6210 · Winter Roads	4,200	1,000	23.81%	4,200	5,500	130.95%
6220 · Road Maintenance	12,200	6,899	56.55%	10,500	10,500	100.00%
6230 · Run-off Remediation		48,954		30000	5000	16.67%
	<b>16,400</b>	<b>56,853</b>	<b>346.66%</b>	<b>44,700</b>	<b>21,000</b>	<b>46.98%</b>
<b>PROTECTION &amp; SAFETY</b>						
6310 · Street Lights	6,200	5,798	93.52%	6,200	6,200	100.00%
6320 · Police	10,000	8,485	84.85%	10,000	11,500	115.00%
6330 · Hydrant Rental	1,600	1,794	112.13%	1,600	1,850	115.63%
6340 · Lifeguards	4,400	2,932	66.63%	4,400	4,400	100.00%
	<b>22,200</b>	<b>19,009</b>	<b>85.63%</b>	<b>22,200</b>	<b>23,950</b>	<b>107.88%</b>
<b>COMMUNITY</b>						
6410 · Parks	9,000	11,135	123.72%	9,000	9,000	100.00%
6420 · Community Events	1,000		0.00%	500	500	100.00%
6430 · Information & Notices	1,000	1,588	158.82%	1,000	1,000	100.00%
6440 · Library	550	106	19.33%	0	0	
6450 · Wharfs & Floats Maintenance	6,000	11,585	193.08%	10,000	10,000	100.00%
	<b>17,550</b>	<b>24,414</b>	<b>139.11%</b>	<b>20,500</b>	<b>20,500</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE and RESERVE</b>						
7010 · Wastewater Bond Exp 86-89Bonds	15,000	15,000	100.00%	15,000	0	0.00%
7020 · Phase I Capital Cost	9,300	9,208	99.01%	9,300	9,300	100.00%
7030 · Contingency Reserve	10,000	10,000	100.00%	10,000	10,000	100.00%
	<b>34,300</b>	<b>34,208</b>	<b>99.73%</b>	<b>34,300</b>	<b>19,300</b>	<b>56.27%</b>
<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>						
Roads and Waterfront					<b>40,000</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>157,176</b>	<b>191,505</b>	<b>121.84%</b>	<b>184,350</b>	<b>189,500</b>	<b>102.79%</b>
Surplus (Deficit)	0	-32,139		0	0	

**President's Report**  
**Northport Village Corporation**  
**June 2007**

The Overseers and Officers continue to wrestle with the problems of providing the services needed in the village without increasing the taxes. The current budget was held to an increase to cover the surface runoff problems.

Phase I - the paving of Main Street - was started last fall and the final work is set to be completed this summer. The Committee is drawing up plans for the next phase of the project.

The Utility Committee continues to work on the infiltration problems in an aging sewer system, and is working out a plan to repair the sewer lines.

The April storm has presented the Village with an accelerated problem. Access to the wharf has been compromised. A quick fix was done for this summer season. The Overseers are working on a permanent solution for the wharf access and the shoreline next to the wharf. As part of the plan we have contacted FEMA for assistance.

The Town has voted to help pay for the new boat float. We have also determined that the swim float will need to be replaced shortly and are working on plans to have it replaced.

As part of the normal budgeting process, the Overseers are developing a plan to use existing funds to borrow money to fund the early completion of capital projects - the surface runoff work and the necessary repairs to the wharf area. We expect to have a warrant article to cover this borrowing for approval at this year's Annual Meeting.

**Communications Committee**

One of the continuing goals of your Board of Overseers has been to assure that communication is direct and easy. The Office is your office. Come down and introduce yourself to Paul Bartels, our office administrator for your village. You can get your dump stickers here, ask about your bills, tax or utility, or just inquire of the volunteer opportunities available in the Village. He will strive to be helpful, accurate, and efficient.

In furtherance of our communication and access goal, we have also expanded our office hours. Our office is open the following days and times: Tuesday through Friday 9:30 – 12:30; Saturday 9:30 – 12:00.

Our work is your business. All our meetings are public, except those specifically noticed and to be executive session. Under the Right of Access Policy, you may obtain copies of our work, minutes, papers. We hope this will facilitate our continuing effort to assure

transparency and satisfaction with our work. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not be reticent. Come to our meetings and tell us how we're doing.

Judy Metcalf

### **Surface Runoff Report 2007**

We have started to carry out the improvements required to handle surface runoff adequately. The need for infrastructure improvements was initially detailed in a report submitted to the Village by Dirigo Engineering in May 2000. At that time the Village was also undertaking needed improvements to our water and sewer systems and surface runoff problems initially took a back seat to those other projects.

During the summer of 2006, the Village engaged the services of Al Hodsdon, a consulting engineer. Al reviewed the earlier proposals, personally evaluated the roads in the core village and presented recommendations to the Surface Runoff Committee. During the winter of 2006-2007, we were able to address the worst of the problems by installing new drains and catch basins on George and Main Streets and by paving the block of Main Street running between George and Broadway.

At a workshop in May, the Overseers decided to present to the Village a proposal to borrow funds for capital improvements to our wharf, floats, waterfront, and roads. This proposal is schedule to be considered by the voters at the NVC Annual Meeting in August 2007.

Assuming the loan proposal is approved by the voters, the Surface Runoff Committee will propose several additional projects to be undertaken during the Fall of 2007, specifically on Maple, Bay, Griffin, Pleasant, and Clinton Streets and North Avenue.

Submitted by Bill Cressey

### **Utilities Committee 2006-2007**

The Utilities Committee this year consisted of David Crofoot (Chairman), Linda Houghton, Judy Metcalf, Judy Rohweder, Jane Strauss, and Superintendent Dick McElhaney. Former member Richard Brockway continued to be involved as an ex-officio engineering consultant. We met monthly, usually on the second Friday in the afternoon. Our main concerns were the operations of the Water Utility, Budgeting and bill collection, payment of bonded indebtedness, operation of the Sewer utility within the constraints of our license, identification and remediation of problems of wastewater inflow and infiltration, and ongoing compliance with the DEP consent agreement and planning for the major remediation of our treatment plant which they wish to see.

This year saw 5 new water customers to a total of 296 customers. Our water usage peaks in the summer in the range of 44000 gallons per day and declines in the winter to 12000 gpd. Our water which comes from the Belfast water system is treated there and the quality of the water is excellent by all health standards. Except when taxed by the needs of water for fighting fires, the quantity of water is entirely sufficient to the users' needs. The Belfast Water District increased the rate we pay for water by 20% but this had minimal impact on bills. The bulk of your water bill is for debt service to repay the bonds which permitted the extension to Belfast, the Phase I improvements in the Village, and the Phase II extension of deep water service along Bluff Road and Shore Road.

We are very pleased to report that the Sewer Utility got through the entire year without a license violation—whether for quality of effluent, discharge of TSS (solids) or BOD (organic content), or volume excesses. Much of this is due to the remedial work done in the Village during the Phase I infrastructure project and to the identification and correction of several significant areas of subsurface infiltration identified by Dick McElhaney. The correction of the calibration of our flow meter corrected a factitious exaggeration of our flows. We hope that this is both pleasing and reassuring to those at the DEP who oversee our license and our consent agreement.

We currently discharge a daily average of 8 pounds of BOD, 4 pounds of TSS, and 30,000 gallons per day. The flow varies from 58000gpd in the wet months of the Spring and Fall, to 22000 gpd in the dry summer months and 4000gpd in the frozen winter months. Our license limits are 76 lbs/d of TSS, 107 lbs/day of BOD, and 63,000 gpd of flow volume. The high flows in the spring and fall when population is reduced are dramatic evidence that there is still significant inflow and infiltration of groundwater into the system. Old collection pipes in the Merithew Square, Auditorium Park, Pleasant Street, and Cobe Road areas are considered to be the source. Smoke testing and video inspection have identified some specific problem areas and have allowed for spot repairs in some cases. But we must await grant money from the DEP before we can embark on a comprehensive upgrade of century old collection pipes in the Village core.

This year's state bond proposals do not include money for our project whose cost is estimated at \$3 million and money will not be available for at least two years. We would encourage any Baysider who is looking at his personal giving or estate plan to consider a gift to the Utilities Department to help defray the Village's costs in these projects.

Whenever a homeowner applies for a building permit to build, enlarge, or install a foundation, he is required to replace their house service with modern pipe as part of their building permit. We would like to find a way to encourage homeowners to replace these house connections in general, and in particular when a leak is identified.

We continue to investigate ways to improve the performance of our existing primary treatment plant. The current series of large settling tanks allows solids to be settled (and pumped out twice a year); from May 15 to September 15, liquid effluent is chlorinated to disinfect and then dechlorinated prior to discharge to the Bay. A team of engineering students from the University of Maine examined our system as a classroom project this

spring and proposed two possible package plant systems using aeration and bacterial degradation within our existing tankage or in a new set of tanks. This work will be included in our design proposals if and when money becomes available. Yet, as our Superintendent Dick McElhaney points out, our existing system works very well and our discharge of 8lbs/day of BOD and 4 lbs/day of TSS to the Bay has a negligible impact on the quality of the environment. We hope and believe that the DEP may come to recognize that our simple primary treatment system is entirely adequate to our tiny seasonal village and its financial resources.

Our system was designed and licensed to serve a very small and specific community. It was not intended to be expanded. There are currently 238 sewer customers. The Utilities Ordinance adopted last year specifically notes that sewer mains will not be extended to serve new areas. When we examine a request for permission to connect, we make recommendations based on whether the system still has capacity to deal with a new customer and whether the applicant has sufficient land to provide his own wastewater treatment on site.

We had a particularly heavy northeast storm this April which played havoc with the roads and the waterfront. Storm surge probably backed ocean water up into our system. Our annual inspection of the sewer outfall pipe this May revealed a leak. The repair of this leak required a team of divers and considerable unanticipated expense which may cut into the funds we had anticipated devoting to the correction of I&I this year.

The fire which destroyed Drexel White's house on Maple Street in the Fall was successfully contained by the Northport Volunteer Fire Department and by the personal efforts of neighbors, particularly Bob Smith, who prevented the spread of the fire to other houses. Firefighters drew most of their water from the hydrant at the school. Dick McElhaney monitored flows and pressures at the vault to be sure that they did not draw our water pipes down into negative pressure which can contaminate the drinking water. The small village hydrants connected to the fire pond do not provide adequate pressure to rapidly fill the pumper trucks. We have discussed various ways in which this system could be better pressurized or water more easily drawn from the pond into pumper trucks. Our existing water line to Belfast is not ideally adapted to fight a fire; it would require the construction of a standpipe or elevated reservoir to provide an adequate volume and pressure of water for fire suppression. The last time we looked at such a system, the price tag was in the range of a million dollars.

The Utilities Department recognizes the enormous contributions of Karen Hoedtke who retired this year and we are now actively working with Paul Bartels, our new Village and Utility office staff as he learns the ropes.

The Committee continues to meet regularly to try to assure the fiscal integrity and the ongoing function of your Utilities and to try to plan for an affordable future. We thank you for paying your bills on time. We owe a debt of thanks to Superintendent Dick McElhaney who brings uncommon commonsense to his job, to Fernie Barton who daily oversees the function of the wastewater treatment plant, and to Bill Paige who installs

and reads meters year in and year out and knows where all the pipes lie beneath the ground.

Respectfully submitted,  
David D. Crofoot, Chairman

### **The Safety Committee**

The Safety Committee is an ad hoc committee formed at the request of the Overseers.

The main responsibilities of the Safety Committee are the securing of the lifeguard and the summer safety officer(s). The Committee also works on raising awareness of potential safety hazards.

A new Lifeguard was in place and Police Chief Sal Demeo and Joan Demeo were rehired as Bayside Safety Officers.

The Committee has been working with the Town of Northport in getting additional speed limit signs placed on George Street, Shore Road and the Bluff Road.

Up-dated safety notices and signs were posted in prominent places.

The Committee is pleased that most residents have heeded the advice of First Responders to have a house number displayed.

Submitted by Peter R. Allen, Chair

### **Village Agent**

The work of the Village Agent is year round and a busy job. It starts at the beginning of the year with mid winter problems such as the Sewer Pump House Freeze and the Freezing over of Catch Basins. He works to identify and fix these problems so they won't happen in the future. Then there's the task of keeping the roads plowed and sanded for the safety of our year round residents.

Spring and summer brings me into another phase of my job; cleaning up winter's mess on the roads and parks, put Boat and Swim Floats into the water, installing meters and turning on water services for the summer residents, keeping the parks mowed and maintained, collect garbage twice a week. Start major projects that were postponed because heavy equipment could not be brought in during the winter. Water and sewer connections are a good example of that.

Fall is the start of cleaning Catch Basins and keeping them clear so water runoff goes where it should. Boat and Swim Floats are taken out of the water. This is the time when water meters are disconnected and water is shut off. It requires timing when residents

want to stay past the turnoff deadline, otherwise there could be damage to meters and or pipes in the house.

In addition to normal jobs required, there is the special jobs that pop up during the year, such as; the new Boat Float, a Dry Hydrant to be installed at the old reservoir which will improve the pressure to the other fire hydrants in the system, rebuilding of the wharf.

Submitted by Bill Paige

### **Parks – Tree Warden**

As part of our obligation to the Maine Forest Service for funds we received from a grant proposal, we continue a yearly tree inspection in all the parks by a licensed arborist. Pruning, removal of decaying limbs and decisions about possible removal are made by Northeast Tree Service of Camden.

The grant requires replacement of decayed or damaged trees in our parks. We have had much success in this area with the newer maples, ash, oak and crabapple trees and two hydrangea bushes.

We have a Tree Ordinance in place which was approved at an annual meeting. It provides protection for all public trees. Signs or any other attachments are prohibited by the ordinance.

Shrubs were selected near the basketball court to help prevent basketballs from rolling into the street. Selection was made by Dutton Landscaper for durability, low maintenance, low height and to enhance the attractive-ness of the area.

Concerns about particular public trees can be addressed by arrangement with our arborist through the Tree Warden.

Jane Phillips Tree Warden

### **Wharfmaster Report Annual Report 2006**

The 2006 season was another busy one at the Alfred J. Keith wharf area in Bayside.

Flower boxes were planted at the wharf entrance. The Lovejoy dingy—moored in the Ruggles Park Circle was once again overflowing with beautiful flowers. Planters/barrels lined the park roads and the Yacht Club window boxes were once again beautiful. Many thanks to the Garden Club, NYC, and all who helped beautify this focal point area of our village.

For the most part in 2006, activity around the wharf area was pretty much business as usual. No major incidents/mishaps were reported. On warm summer days, swimmers, sailors, and fishermen flocked to the dock area to enjoy what Penobscot Bay & Bayside

have to offer. We were again fortunate to have the services of a lifeguard, and two assistant wharf masters, Drexell White and Ed Williams who kept an eye on dock area activities. In addition, the NYC sailing program once again had a busy year utilizing the dock and float areas. The anchorage had well over one hundred boats moored and as usual the boat float was packed to capacity with dingies. The boat float, which was 20+ years old began to show its age as rot became visible and it started to settle a bit lower into the water. At the time that the float was hauled for the offseason in October, the float was inspected by the wharfmasters and village agent, Bill Paige, and a recommendation was made to the NVC Overseers to pursue the building of a new float. A decision was then made by the Overseers to authorize Winterport Dock Works to build a new replacement float over the winter—very similar to the old one. The float has been completed and will be delivered to Bayside and hooked up in mid to late May or early June.

Very few complaints were voiced last summer, and most of those that were, as usual involved the dingy situation and/or fishing. The issue with dingies is that we simply do not have enough space for everyone's dingy at the boat float and people are reluctant to utilize the out float and beach areas for dingy storage. As a result, the out float is under utilized and thus is of questionable value since it takes up a fairly large space in the mooring field and is costly to maintain.

With regard to fishing, there is still the problem with fishermen and boaters though I frankly did not hear of any serious incidents/problems. One complaint that is heard from year to year regards the mess that is sometimes left behind on both floats and the dock itself, by fishermen who do not clean up their area when they are done fishing—a cutting board was added to the boat float a year or two ago which has seemed to help a bit—another one may be installed on the new float as well.

Getting the word out and posting signs seems like the best way to try and deal with both of the problems described above---and appealing to the common sense of those involved. If we all work together and attempt to cooperate with existing rules and regulations, we might actually solve these problems, but it is up to each and every one of us to take some responsibility for our actions!

Finally, relative to the Cradle Yard, located between Clinton and Pleasant Streets, there are still a few boats stored there that are out of compliance with NVC rules which specify that continuous long term storage is not a permissible activity. We also have trouble with the occasional dumping of leaves, brush, and debris which is also prohibited. Improvements have been made to this area in recent years, but once again we need to encourage village residents to comply with NVC rules which are fairly clearly posted. In a nutshell the area is to be used for short term boat/trailer/cradle storage and/or overflow parking.

It is asked that all users of the wharf area and cradle yard, please read and follow the applicable rules that are published and posted. It is hoped that everyone will use common

sense, and will be courteous, safe, and considerate of others. For additional information please contact myself or the assistant wharfmasters.

Contributed by Gordon Fuller Wharfmaster.

### **Northport Yacht Club**

The Northport Yacht Club was founded in 1938 in an effort to promote sailing/boating and other social activities in the Bayside community. The club is managed by a Board of Directors consisting of a Commodore (Gordon Fuller), Vice Commodore (Jim Facey), Rear Commodore (Bill Haverty), Fleet Captain (Bruce Smith), Secretary (Art Hall), Treasurer (Jean Coughlin) and six directors (Angela Cassidy, Jackie Facey, Emerson Smith, Jon Linn, Jim Coughlin & Ed Williams). The first clubhouse was centered on the old steamboat dock—today the Alfred J. Keith Wharf, while today's clubhouse was built in 1950 at the water's edge in Ruggles Park. The 2006 membership was about 175 (an all time high), about half boat owners, and half social members.

The club provided a full slate of activities/events to the people of the greater Bayside community. The year's activities began with a "kick-off dinner" attended by 80+ members on Memorial Day weekend at the Lobster Pound Restaurant in Lincolnville. The month of June was spent preparing the ten club boats for launching, opening/cleaning/organizing the clubhouse, planting the window boxes and landscaping, and sanding, scraping, and painting, all done by volunteers.

Once the summer season started in July, with the commencement of the Sailing School—under the direction of Emerson Smith, every week and weekend was filled with activities/events for young and old alike. Approximately 80 students participated in the sailing program throughout the season. Basic sailing skills, advanced lessons, and seamanship and safety was emphasized throughout. Tori Reilly, Ed Williams, Tricia Ruggles, and Jim Facey assisted Emerson with the running of the program.

Racing was once again a big part of the club's agenda. Informal Thursday night Daysailer Races began in July and were held well into August. Two Walter Downs' Daysailer Regattas were held for the young sailors as well. Six John Short Series "big boat" races took place during the summer and post race socials, often including hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill, followed each race. In addition, the club hosted the Annual Around Islesboro race in early September, which was once again very well attended—40 + boats. Money raised was invested into the club's sailing program. The race was won by NYC entry Sea Tao, skippered by Rob Frank and Tom Reid. Sea Tao also claimed honors for the NYC season championship.

Many social and non boating events were also included amongst our activities. These included Ned Lightner's famous lobster/clam bake, a boat parade, water slide/Lincolnville Band concert in the park (co sponsored by NVC and BHPS), kids games over the 4<sup>th</sup> of

July weekend, a cocktail party held on the clubhouse deck, a tag sale to raise funds for our Sailing Program, pancake breakfast, 2nd annual Great Chowder Cook Off, bonfire on the beach, and pot luck supper.

General meetings were held in March, May, July, August (the annual meeting), and September. Three issues of the *Tell Tale* were published, keeping members abreast of club and community news.

Paul Gaudette was selected by his peers as Skipper of the Year, and Tricia Ruggles was voted as Member of the Year. Ed Williams and Jim Coughlin's terms as directors came to an end, and new Directors George Allen and Jim Kelly joined the Board. Otherwise the slate of officers remained the same for 07.

On behalf of the club, thanks to all of you who supported the club and/or made contributions to our busy season. See you next season.

Contributed by Gordon Fuller, Commodore

### **Bayside Historical Preservation Society**

The Society was begun in 1995 to preserve the history and features of Bayside. It is an incorporated and tax exempt organization. Anyone interested in its purpose may become a member.

The Society has a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Board of Directors. The Board meets together during May through October and by internet at other times of the year. An annual meeting of the membership is held on the second Saturday in July.

At first, Society activities were focused on collecting and archiving materials related to Bayside and sponsoring and assisting other community activities. In 2003 the Society was given a cottage to be used as a museum. Located on Pleasant Street, the cottage, named "Shady Grove," has been restored to an 1880s look. It houses an exhibition of Bayside artifacts that have been donated or loaned for the purpose. The second floor of the cottage has been fitted out as a mid- 1880s period bedroom. The cottage/museum is open for tours during the summer season on Sundays from 3 to 5 and at other times by individual request.

A highlight activity for the 2007 season will be a prepublication event for a new history of Bayside, titled "If These Cottages Could Talk." In the making since 1999, the book is being edited by Beverly Crofoot, with assistance from many others. The book will contain articles about Bayside topics; many, many photographs; and reprints of Bayside information from local newspapers. Sometime in August the Society will host a get-together where the latest information about the book; expected publication date, cost, ordering information, et cetera, will be available. You will be encouraged to pre-buy

your copy of the history. The time and place for this event will be announced throughout the community.

In addition, the Society continues to sponsor other historical remembrances. Still available for purchase are a variety of postcards picturing the community and striking “100-year photo” of villagers, now and then, posed on and in front of the hotel (now condominiums). This season we hope to install informational signs throughout the community, with pictures and texts about local scenes; and to publish and distribute a pamphlet, with a map, old photographs, and explanations, for a “Self Guided Tour” of the village.

Also not to be missed are the superb models of Bayside buildings – cottages, the auditorium, the community hall, and, new this year, the old hotel – made by and donated to the Society by Richard Brockway. These are housed downstairs in the Community Hall, together, in the meeting room, pictures from Bayside history.

You are invited to visit the museum to participate in any of the matters mentioned above. Even better, you are invited to become a member of the Society and help in its work.

Robert R. Sherman, President

### **The Bayside Garden Club**

The Bayside Garden Club was established in June 2002 by Jane Phillips to coordinate a plan to fill a dinghy with flowers and place flower containers and hanging baskets in Ruggles Park. Peg Lovejoy donated the dinghy and for the first time flowers decorated the area.

It was also decided that summer to establish the annual Garden Party which provides a social get-together in a beautiful setting and is a perfect way for newcomers to become more acquainted with Bayside. Volunteer hosts pro-vide the space and the club organizes the party. The proceeds raise needed funds for the continuation of the various projects.

Past projects included the replacement of the original cedar fence in Merrithew Park that was there at the turn of the century. Old photographs were used to create an exact replica of the rustic fence. This is a visible reminder of Bayside’s history.

Flowers decorate the Community Hall and winter elves place wreaths and greens in the village to cheer up the winter landscape. A perennial garden was planted in Blaisdale Park in 2006 made up of donated plants from Bayside gardens. More projects are planned including a shady garden on a small piece of Village land.

Membership is open to all who would like to contribute to this beautification project.

Jane Phillips, President Bayside Garden Club

Clerk's Report of the Annual Meeting  
of the Northport Village Corporation

Annual Meeting  
August 8, 2006

The Annual Meeting of the Northport Village Corporation was held on Tuesday, August 8, 2006, at 6:30 PM in the Bayside Community Hall with approximately 90 voters present. The Clerk opened the meeting by reading the Call and Return on the Warrant. The meeting had been posted on five locations within the Village, and in the newspapers. The Warrant and Clerk's Report of the Annual Meeting, 2005, had been included in the Annual Report which was published more than two weeks before the meeting.

Treasurer's Report  
December 11, 2005

General Government	
Checking	\$50,603.22
Community Hall	878.61
Petty Cash	<u>32.88</u>
Total	\$51,514.71
Water Department	
Checking	\$33,490.94
Petty Cash	30.72
Savings	<u>416.70</u>
Total	\$33,938.36
Sewer Department	
Checking	\$ 9,583.55
Petty Cash	<u>36.37</u>
Total	\$ 9,619.92

Treasurer's Report  
June 30, 2006

General Government	
Checking	\$67,430.77
Savings	880.64
Petty Cash	33.34
Dump Stickers for resale	<u>230.00</u>
Total	\$68,574.75
Water Department	

Checking	\$80,380.94
Sinking fund	6,535.85
Petty Cash	<u>33.33</u>
Total	\$86,950.12

Sewer Department	
Checking	\$37,454.77
Sinking fund	2,001.32
New facilities checking	81.77
Petty Cash	<u>33.33</u>
Total	\$39,571.19

The meeting opened with a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Article 1: J. Timothy Samway was elected Moderator of the meeting. In his opening remarks, Samway introduced the officers of the Village Corporation, members of the Board of Overseers, Secretary Karen Hoedtke, and Police Chief Sal DeMeo, who then introduced his wife Joan DeMeo, also a police officer in the Village. Stephen Wright spoke for the Junior Yacht Club, asking for donations of food for the Town of Northport food pantry.

Article 2: No action taken, as the clerk is the designated recording secretary for the Annual Meeting.

Article 3: President's Report.

President Josiah Huntoon thanked retiring Overseers Peter Spollett and David Crofoot, and Clerk Eleanor Lagner for their service to NVC. He also pointed out that this is the 90th annual meeting of the Northport Village Corporation.

The big item in this year's budget is the surface run-off problems (see Article 5) which must be faced, as the money budgeted for next year is to cover money spent this year on repairs to roads and drains.

Huntoon then added that the Junior Yacht Club survived an over-night to Warren Island. On a more serious note, he remembered Mabel Wadsworth for her years as an Overseer and member of the Zoning Board of Appeals in the Village, as well as her unceasing efforts to further women's causes in Bangor and at the state level.

Article 4: Treasurer's Report.

Julian Sheffield distributed her report and copies of the NVC Audit. Purdy-Powers prepared the entire audit, thus reducing auditing costs. The day-to-day accounting is now being efficiently done in-house by Secretary Karen Hoedtke, and is reviewed periodically by the treasurer. A systematic approach is now in place to handle foreseeable and unforeseeable expenses.

Article 5: Surface Water run-off Report.

Overseer Bill Cressey explained that the Village has major surface run-off problems. Some have been addressed, with mixed success. The removal of some old drainage pipes

during the sewer repairs caused more problems. The Overseers have added \$30,000 to the budget, the amount already spent on road run-off repairs. Several citizens raised issues: Mrs. VanBibber has had a window broken three times by stones thrown by cars; Mrs. Duggan asked if there was a master plan for dealing with surface drainage, and Sid Block responded that he knows the whereabouts of such a plan. Jackie Facey expressed concern that the Main Street erosion is not solved, that the hump in the middle is not working to drain the water properly. Cressey explained the work scheduled to go out for bid on August 18, which includes some Main Street construction.

Article 6: To see what sums of money the Northport Village Corporation will raise and appropriate for the following accounts for the fiscal year 2007:

Overseers' Proposed Budget

Total Income	\$184,350
Expenses	
General Government	\$62,650
Roads & Storm Drains	44,700
Protection & Safety	22,200
Community	20,500
Debt Service & Reserve	<u>34,300</u>
Total Expenses	\$184,350

This money will be raised as follows: \$25,000 to be requested from the Town of Northport on the warrant of its Annual Town Meeting, and the balance to be raised from the Village Tax. If the warrant is not approved by the Town of Northport, the budget will be raised entirely from the Village Tax.

Article 6 was moved by Bill Cressey, seconded by Judy Metcalf.

During discussion, Cressey said the mill rate would see an increase of \$.32/thousand, almost all of which was due to road run-off issues.

Dan Webster suggested that we ask the Town of Northport for more than \$25,000, which has been the amount received for several years, in spite of rising expenses. Huntoon explained that Town voters and selectpersons have no control over 75% of the Town's money; in addition, they face a major financial burden funding the school budget this year. Members of the Board of Overseers continue to work with the Town Selectpersons to further communication and cooperation.

At the close of discussion, Article 6 was passed unanimously.

Article 7: To approve borrowings by the Northport Village Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for working capital purposes. Funds are to be borrowed in anticipation of the 2007 taxes. Moved by Metcalf, seconded by Cressey, and Voted.

Article 8: To approve borrowings by the Northport Village Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. Funds are to be used towards replacement of the Community Hall and Wharf as needed, emergency repairs to utilities operated by the Village Corporation,

for reconstruction of shoreline damage to property owned by the Northport Village Corporation as a result of a storm, or repair of roads owned by the Corporation.  
Moved by Cressey, seconded by Metcalf, and Voted.

Article 9: To fix a rate of interest on taxes delinquent after November 30, 2006, equal to that charged by the Town of Northport.  
Moved by Metcalf, seconded by Cressey. Metcalf noted that the present rate of interest levied by the Town of Northport is 6.5%. Voted.

Article 10. To approve the revised Northport Village Corporation Utility Ordinance.  
Moved by Metcalf, seconded by Crofoot. Crofoot outlined the proposed changes in the Ordinance, which had been presented at an earlier public hearing. Some citizen concern was expressed over the addition of new sewer users. Cressey stated that only those who cannot construct their own sewage treatment facilities on their property will even be considered, and at present no new users will be added as the Board has declared a moratorium until Sept. 30, 2006.

Members of the Utility Department were recognized: Spollett, Crofoot, Coughlin, Strauss, and Metcalf. (This committee is made up of three Overseers and two “at-large” members.)

A majority of voters approved the question by a show of hands, and the Moderator declared that Article 10 passed.

Article 11: To elect the Officers by written ballot.

The Moderator asked Nominating Committee chairman Peter Spollett to present the slate of officers. For President, Josiah Huntoon was nominated. As there were no nominations from the floor, Huntoon was elected president of the Village Corporation for the coming year.

Spollett then nominated Julian Sheffield for Treasurer, who was elected unopposed.  
For Clerk, Spollett nominated Betty Wilson who also was elected unopposed.

Article 12: To elect Overseers by written ballot.

Spollett presented the Nominating Committee’s slate for the office of Overseer as follows: Peter Allen, Margaret Brockway, Bill Cressey, Linda Houghton, Rick Melone, Judy Metcalf, and Judy Rohweder.

There were no nominations from the floor, so the slate was voted.

Article 13: Resolution providing for participating in the Maine Municipal Employees health Trust.

Be it resolved by the Board of overseers of the Northport Village Corporation as follows:

That the Northport Village Corporation join with other participating municipal and quasi-municipal employers in a Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement for provision of employee health benefits, as authorized by 24-A M.R.S.A. 6601 et seq., said Arrangement to be known as the “Maine Municipal Employees Health Trust” (Health Trust); and for that purpose and in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements

among the participating employers, to authorize the President to enter into a Participation Agreement on behalf of the Northport Village Corporation and take whatever other actions may be necessary. The authority granted herein shall remain until revoked. Moved by Brockway, seconded by Metcalf. After discussion, Article 13 was voted.

Article 14: Reports of Committees.

Peter Allen for the Safety Committee, stressed the importance of having house numbers displayed clearly.

Jane Phillips (tree warden) announced the arborist will be the Village on August 15 if any citizens have concerns to register with him.

David Crofoot (Utilities) thanked Dick McElhaney for his excellent management of the Utilities, and Dick Brockway for his consultation and volunteer labors.

Pam and Ed Williams were thanked for serving as registrars.

Rob Sherman spoke for the Historical Society, welcoming visitors and donations to the museum on Pleasant Street, which is open Sundays 1-3 or by arrangement.

Huntoon recognized Marge Brockway, Facilities Overseer and “unsung hero”, for her hard work.

George Metcalf, seconded by Fleta Metcalf, moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Eleanor Lagner, Clerk  
Northport Village Corporation

**Tax Liens – as of July, 2007**

2006

Deacon, Carole & David  
Drinkwater, George & Charleen  
Durkee, Michael & Linda  
Fischer, Sharon  
Gerrity, Mrs. Thomas  
Gertrude Pingree Trust  
Godholm, Claire  
Handler, Russell H. Living Trust  
Seavey, Gloria  
Smith, Madalena & Elaine

2005

Deacon, Carole & David  
Drinkwater, George & Charleen  
Durkee, Michael & Linda  
Fischer, Sharon  
Gerrity, Mrs. Thomas  
Gertrude Pingree Trust  
Godholm, Claire  
Handler, Russell H. Living Trust  
Hanrahan, Mary  
Hoikala, Karen  
Lojek, John & Patricia  
Paige, William  
Seavey, Gloria  
Smith, Madalena & Elaine

2004

Drinkwater, George & Charleen  
Gerrity, Mrs. Thomas  
Gertrude Pingree Trust  
Hanrahan, Mary  
Seavey, Gloria  
Smith, Madalena & Elaine

2003

Gerrity, Mrs. Thomas  
Seavey, Gloria  
Smith, Madalena & Elaine

1995 – 2002

Seavey, Gloria

**Bayside Building and Plumbing Permits**

**Building permits for the year 2006**

- 1 – House
- 4 – Additions
- 2 – Decks
- 3 – Sheds
- 3 – Miscellaneous

2 Septic and 13 internal Plumbing permits

Respectfully,  
Frank Therio, Northport CEO & LPI

**Deaths**

Kevin Coughlin  
James Cummings  
Emma Downs  
Eleanor Louise Bissell Fuller  
C. Snelling Robinson