

**Northport Village Corporation
Annual Report
August 12, 2008**



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Town of Northport
Maine**

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of the
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS
of the
Northport Village Corporation

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Dedication



Photo by Meg Crofoot

If These Cottages Could Talk is the remarkable book envisioned, shepherded, and born of the commitment of many. It is a beautiful book, resulting from hundreds of hours of labor and love by the members of the Bayside Historical Preservation Society. Its reticence in one aspect, however, must be corrected. If this *Village* could talk, the Overseers believe that it would resoundingly sing the praises of Beverly Crofoot for having the vision, wisdom, and tenacity to see this project to completion. We, therefore, dedicate this small annual report to Beverly Crofoot in appreciation of her gift to us all, that elegant tome, *If These Cottages Could Talk*.

As Gina Cressey wrote in her tribute to the Crofoots on pp. 301-302 of *If These Cottages Could Talk*, “it has been the tiny village of Bayside, most of whose residents live elsewhere during the winter, which has profited so greatly from the Crofoots’ presence.”

The Historical Society’s book is a testament to the Village’s spirit, history, and people, but it is because of Beverly’s spirit and energy that we have it. And for that, we are grateful.

Northport Village Information

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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

Village Office	813 Shore Road Northport, Maine 04849 338-0751
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Village Office Hours	Tuesday – Friday 9:30 – 3:30; Saturday 9:30 – 12:00
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Village Agent	Bill Paige, 338-0751
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Utilities Superintendent	Dick McElhaney, 338-0751
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Wharfmaster	Gordon Fuller, 338-5387
Assistants	Drexel White, 338-6085; Ed Williams 338-2616

Harbormaster	Drexel White, 338-6085
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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 2nd Tuesday in August.

NVC owns and operates the water and sewer systems.

Village Officers

President

Josiah Huntoon

Treasurer

Julian Sheffield

Clerk

Maureen Einstein

Board of Overseers

January 1 – August 2007

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

August 14, 2007 – December 31, 2007

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

Public Notice
Northport Village Corporation
Annual Meeting
August 12, 2008
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 12th day of August A.D. 2008, 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 what sums of money the Northport Village Corporation will raise and appropriate for the following accounts for the fiscal year 2009:

Total Income	\$203,935
Expenses	
General Government	\$78,110
Roads & Storm Drains	21,500
Protection & Safety	24,525
Community	20,500
Debt Service & Reserve	19,300
Capital Projects	<u>40,000</u>
Total Expenses	\$203,935

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 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 \$75,000 in anticipation of 2009 taxes 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 providing working capital for governmental activities of the Corporation, 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.

Article 6: 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 \$100,000 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 replacement and repair of Community Hall and Wharf as needed, repairs to utilities operated by the Village Corporation for reconstruction of shoreline damage to property owned by Northport Village Corporation or repairs of roads owned by the Corporation, 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 Town Indebtedness

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$ 1,257,416
B. Bonds authorized and unissued	\$ 100,000
C. Bonds to be issued if this question is approved:	\$ 100,000
TOTAL	\$ 1,457,416

2. Costs

At an estimated interest rate of 4.0 % for a term of 10 years, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal	\$ 100,000
Interest	\$ 116,000
Total Debt Service	\$ 216,000

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.

/S/
Treasurer, Northport Village Corporation

Article 7: To fix a rate of interest on taxes delinquent after November 30, 2008, equal to that charged by the Town of Northport.

Article 8: To elect the Officers by written ballot (President, Clerk, and Treasurer).

Article 9: To elect Overseers by written ballot.

Article 10: Reports of Committees:

ADJOURNMENT

Dated: July 11, 2008

Northport Village Corporation
Josiah P. Huntoon, Jr., President
Maureen Einstein, 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: Maureen Einstein, Clerk
Northport Village Corporation

Note: Due to early publication, this warrant may be changed or amended before the August 12th Annual Meeting. Current annual financials and Auditor's Report will be provided at the Annual Meeting.

NVC General Government Budget 2009

	2007		\$	% of	2008	2009
	Jan - Dec 07	Budget				
Ordinary Income/Expense						
Income						
4000 - Ordinary Revenue						
4010 - Taxes-Real Estate	159,689	159,350	339.49	100.21%	164,500	178,935
4015-Change In Deferred Tax Revenue	-5,000					
4020 - Taxes-Prior Years	88					
4025-Supplemental Tax Revenue	3,727					
4030 - Town Reimbursement	29,000	25,000	4,000.00	116.0%	25,000	25,000
4050 - Other Revenue	343					
4060 - Interest on Taxes	1,547					
Total 4000 - Ordinary Revenue	189,395	184,350	5,045.27	102.74%	189,500	203,935
4100 - Special Income						
4110 - Grants (FEMA)	8,282					
Total 4100 - Special Income	8,282					
Total Income	197,678	184,350	13,327.59	107.23%	189,500	203,935
Expense						
6000 - General Government						
6010 - Village Officials	1,100	1,100	-0.08	99.99%	1,100	1,100
6020 - Village Agent	18,840	18,000	839.73	104.67%	19,000	20,330
6025 Finance Manager						12,000
6030 - Office Personnel	5,435	7,000	-1,565.44	77.64%	6,600	6,600
6050 - Tax Collection	3,380	3,500	-120.45	96.56%	3,500	3,500
6060 - Professional Services	4,089	5,000	-911.13	81.78%	4,000	5,500
6070 - Payroll Processing	335	500	-164.66	67.07%	500	500
6080 - Legal Fees	5,339	2,000	3,339.33	266.97%	2,000	2,000
6090 - Payroll Taxes	4,729	2,500	2,228.65	189.15%	8,700	6,630
6100 - Building & Utilities	2,161	8,000	-5,838.62	27.02%	8,000	0
6101 - Building						5,000
6104 - Utilities						3,000
6110 - Insurance & Bonding	5,660	7,300	-1,640.50	77.53%	3,600	4,000
6120 - MMA Membership	1,100	550	550.00	200.0%	550	550
6130 - Office Expense	1,240	1,200	39.83	103.32%	1,200	1,400
6190 - Miscellaneous Expense	2,887	6,000	-3,112.67	48.12%	6,000	6,000
Total 6000 - General Government	56,294	62,650	-6,356.01	89.86%	64,750	78,110
6200 - Roads & Storm Drains						
6210 - Winter Roads	5,276	4,200	1,075.95	125.62%	5,500	6,000
6220 - Road Maintenance	6,083	10,500	-4,416.78	57.94%	10,500	10,500
6230 - Run-off Remediation	53,586	30,000	23,585.94	178.62%	5,000	5,000
6200 - Roads & Storm Drains - Other	528					
Total 6200 - Roads & Storm Drains	65,474	44,700	20,773.54	146.47%	21,000	21,500

NVC General Government Budget 2009

	2007		\$	% of	2008	2009
	Jan - Dec 07	Budget				
6300 - Protection & Safety						
6310 - Street Lights	6,050	6,200	-149.80	97.58%	6,200	6,200
6320 - Police	10,732	10,000	732.43	107.32%	11,500	12,075
6330 - Hydrant Rental	1,917	1,600	317.43	119.84%	1,850	1,850
6340 - Lifeguards	4,271	4,400	-128.95	97.07%	4,400	4,400
Total 6300 - Protection & Safety	22,971	22,200	771.11	103.47%	23,950	24,525
6400 - Community						
6410 - Parks	10,013	9,000	1,012.96	111.26%	9,000	9,000
6420 - Community Events	200	500	-300.00	40.0%	500	500
6430 - Information & Notices	2,243	1,000	1,243.14	224.31%	1,000	1,000
6440 - Library	122				0	0
6450 - Wharfs & Floats Maintenance	20,141	10,000	10,141.27	201.41%	10,000	10,000
6490 - Waterfront Restoration	3,811					
Total 6400 - Community	36,529	20,500	16,029.47	178.19%	20,500	20,500
66900 - Reconciliation Discrepancies	0					
7000 - Debt Service & Reserve						
7010 - Wastewater Bond Exp 86-89Bonds	15,000	15,000	0.00	100.0%		
7020 - Phase I Roads Bond Principal	9,211	9,300	-89.00	99.04%	9,300	9,300
7030 - Phase III Reserve	8,657	10,000	-1,343.47	86.57%		
7040 - Contingency Reserve	0				10,000	10,000
Total 7000 - Debt Service & Reserve	32,868	34,300	-1,432.47	95.82%	19,300	19,300
Total Expense	214,136	184,350	29,785.71	116.16%	149,500	163,935
Net Ordinary Income	-16,458	0	-16,458.12	100.0%	40,000	40,000
Other Income/Expense						
Other Expense						
8200 - Capital Expenditures						
8210 - Roads & Waterfront Capital Exp.	0				40,000	40,000
Total 8200 - Capital Expenditures	0				40,000	40,000
ALLOWANCE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES - 10% OF TAXES						
Total Other Expense	0				40,000	40,000
Net Other Income	0	0	0.00	0.0%	-40,000	-40,000
	-16,458	0	-16,458.12	100.0%	0	0

President's Report
Northport Village Corporation
June 2008

The surface runoff repairs are in the final stages of planning and are scheduled for completion by next spring. Part of the work will be combined with improvements of sewer lines along Clinton and North Streets, scheduled for this fall. Construction is planned not to interfere with summer activities.

The sewer improvement will be financed from the proceeds of a loan from the Maine Bond Bank allowing these needed improvements to be done in a single stage rather than piecemeal.

With the help of a grant from the Maine Planning Office, a survey will be completed to study what repairs and/or improvements are needed for the wharf, its access, and the shoreline (parking area) north of the wharf. The Overseers feel that a complete study is needed to stabilize the structures in this area.

By the time the Annual Report is printed, you will have seen the new swim float. This is part of a program to improve the Village's facilities for its residents and guests.

Our budget has a new line item - currently titled Financial Manager. The operations of the Village have become more complex and this addition will solve the problems of coordinating the finances of the village, water, and sewer operations.

The Overseers meet monthly (except in December) and welcome your attendance and contributions to the Village's operations.

Josiah P. Huntoon, Jr.

Communications and Office

As in the past, the effectiveness of the Overseers in getting the word out about its activities and in assuring that the villagers are heard is in large part dependent on our office staff's and agent's ability to listen and report. We are very fortunate to continue to have Paul Bartels and Bill Paige as our eyes, and, more importantly, ears for the Village.

Our office hours are: Tuesdays through Friday, 9:30 to 3:30. You can also find Paul at the office every Saturday from 9:30 to 12:00. When the office is not open, feel free to leave a message at 338-0751. Bill and Paul monitor the machine and do their best to get answers to the myriad questions they field.

Our bulletin boards, many decorated with floral baskets by the Garden Club, are the resource for bulletins and messages of importance to you all. We are always happy to post here the good news, like progress on our infrastructure improvements. Sometimes we also have to post reminders of rules:— please clean up after your dog, if not out of courtesy, then to honor the ordinance; please be mindful of the possibility of gas thefts; please do not dispose of your leaves on public property. Our bulletin boards serve as the spot for those reminders as well. We couldn't be effective without the voluntary postings of those same public notices on the Webster family's website. We appreciate the availability of that tool in making our communication efforts work.

The Overseers encourage you all to get involved by attending the meetings and staying in touch. Our Village is stronger when many hands chip in.

Judy Metcalf



Surface Runoff Report

April 29, 2008

During the past year, we continued to make progress in our efforts to construct and maintain an effective infrastructure to handle surface runoff in the Village. In the Spring of 2007, work was completed on the first phase, including primarily the Main Street drains and resurfacing and a few additional smaller projects. In the Fall of 2007, we began work on the second phase, including the part of Maple Street running from Broadway down to the wharf, and a few smaller projects, including the bend in Park Row at the end nearest the water. Several other projects are scheduled for completion before and after the 2008 summer season. A final phase is planned after the sewer work on Clinton and North Avenue has been done and the ground has had a chance to settle.

Submitted by Bill Cressey.

Utilities Committee 2007-2008

Your Utility Department Trustees are David Crofoot, chairman, Jane Strauss, Judy Metcalf, Judy Rohweder, and Linda Houghton. Together with our Utility Department Superintendent, Dick McElhaney, we meet on the first Friday of each month to oversee the functioning of the water and sewer utilities and the work of our faithful employees, Bill Paige and Fernie Barton.

We have completed the second full year of operation of our wastewater treatment plant without a violation of our discharge license. Indeed, as we make progress in eliminating infiltration of ground water into our collection system, we find in 2007 that our daily volume discharge averages 20,000 gallons per day versus our license limit of 63,000 gallons per day. Our discharge of BOD (soluble organic matter) averages 9 pounds/day versus a license limit of 107 pounds/day, and our discharge of TSS (Total suspended solids) averages 2.8 pounds/day versus a license limit of 76 pounds/day. The numbers for BOD and TSS are somewhat higher in the summer when houses are fully occupied but still well below our license limits. Our heaviest volume flows are in the rainy months of October and April reflecting I&I (inflow and infiltration). We continue to see significant spikes in flow after rain events which lead us to suspect that there is still significant inflow (versus infiltration)—whether from house drains, sewer mains or other unidentified storm drain type sources. Effluent from the plant is first settled, then disinfected by chlorination, then de-chlorinated prior to discharge into the bay. Chlorination is only required from May through September. Testing of our effluent shows complete decontamination of the effluent.

We feel we operate a very efficient and also very safe wastewater treatment plant with no adverse ecological impact on the receiving waters of Penobscot Bay.

We continue to operate under a consent agreement with the DEP. Although the terms of the agreement have not been changed in writing, our current understanding with the DEP is to focus our energies on remedying the worst sources of I&I with the limited financial means at our disposal while awaiting grant money which would allow us to undertake full repairs of old collecting infrastructure, replace and extend the outfall pipe, and perform improvements to our existing treatment plant—a \$3 million price tag.

We have argued strenuously (and convincingly, we hope) to the DEP that our system is too small with too few users to ever allow us to afford to build or maintain a new secondary treatment plant. We feel that we have demonstrated over the last two years without a license violation that our small and simple primary treatment plant delivers results every bit as good as or better than those expected from a complex secondary treatment plant.

Last fall, we undertook a project in the fall to replace old vitrified clay lines on Bay Street and at the bottom of Shore Road. Some of you may have seen the photos posted on Dan Webster's website. Much of this replacement was done with innovative dig-free technology which allows a new pipe to be dragged underground along the path of the previous old pipe, minimizing disruption close to homes. The total price tag for this was \$30,000.

We plan another project for this fall with a bigger price tag. Since the surface run-off committee has made plans for major reconstructive roadwork on Clinton Avenue and North Street, we were asked to replace old VC collector pipes and service laterals in these areas before the roadwork. Voters approved this borrowing last August. Careful bidding got the price tag down from \$200,000 to \$100,000, again performing part of this work with dig-free technology. Since this price-tag exceeds what we can pay out of our current budget, we have taken a \$100,000 loan to finance this project.

This will be a timely opportunity for property owners along these lines to consider replacing their house service if it is old and leaky. We are fighting to prevent inflow from leaky pipes but our smoke testing or even the sniff test can sometimes show that what can leak in can also leak out. As we replace major collectors, we will also notify homeowners wherever we identify faulty house services.

We continue to study our existing collecting system trying to isolate areas of major leakage and plan more video and smoke testing this year in the wet seasons.

A leak developed in our outfall pipe during last year's Patriot's Day storm. This required urgent and complicated underwater repairs; an unanticipated cost of \$10,000 impacted on our budget but did not break the bank. We were able to get some repayment from FEMA disaster money. This type of leak in our century-old cast iron outfall pipe reinforces our determination to eventually replace the existing outfall when funding becomes available from the state of Maine.

By license, our sewer system was designed for and limited to the existing community with its limited subscriber base. We take on an occasional new user as existing lots are built on. We do not anticipate ever expanding our collection system.

Our drinking water is a happier and less troublesome story. Our supply of drinking water purchased from the Belfast Water District is both excellent in quality and copious. We are happy to offer service to new users. We have picked up 4-5 new customers for the last few years and this helps to defray the effects of inflation on our water budget and avoid the need for rate increases. The largest cost of our water system is paying back the bonded debt for the construction of the water main connecting us to Belfast. The impact of increased fuel and electricity costs will have some impact on future budgets.

Homeowners should be aware that the Code Enforcement Officer requires compliance with the Sewer Department Permit system before issuing a building permit for new construction or renovation where connection to the sewer system is anticipated. We need to know if a building project will have an impact on usage (bedrooms/bathrooms, fixtures which would impact on our capacity.) Connection pipes must also conform to our codes. We require that old house services which may be leaky be replaced whenever foundation work is carried out.

We have worked hard to provide Utility customers with timely, correct, and legible bills for sewer and water usage. Paul Bartels continues the good work of Karen Hoedtke at the Village Office and is a friendly presence to whom you can bring your requests, concerns, and questions.

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.

The Lifeguard returned for a second season 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. Final determination is made by the Maine Department of Transportation.

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

Well this has been an old fashioned Maine winter, something I haven't seen in many years. This of course led to non-stop plowing and sanding of the Village roads during the winter months. It certainly took it's toll with the my equipment.

Cool weather this spring has lead to late blooming plants and shrubs, as well as grass. But the wet weather has things growing so fast it had me on the run to keep up with the up keep of all our parks.

As part of keeping the Village clean and pleasant, we've posted signs for people (residents and visitors) to clean-up after their dog. This is a state law, but the Village also passed their own ordinance in 1998. Another practice being observed was people cleaning up after the dog, but throwing it down the catch basin. The catch basins, designed for rain water, empty on the beach! So if you see somebody doing this please ask them to stop and make them aware of what they're doing.

This last season we've had five new water services connected. What most people don't realize is we don't have a DPW with a lot of heavy equipment and men to work on these things. Basically I am the DPW for Bayside. When the town needs work done on roads or utilities it's up to me to define the job and contract out the men and equipment. All the while not disrupting things in Bayside during the "season". Sometimes this presents a scheduling problem. So it's nice when people show a little patience when requesting things from the DPW.

Submitted by Bill Paige

Tree Warden

Old photographs reveal trees have been an important part of our legacy and certainly add beauty to our community. To keep our heritage intact, we now have a tree ordinance to protect, preserve and replace village trees as needed. Signs are no longer permitted. To oversee this ordinance a Tree Warden was appointed. The regulations are part of a grant we applied for from the Maine Forest Service. Each Fall an inspection takes place to assess the general condition and/or need for a cable, pruning or removal if necessary. This is done to prevent any foreseeable problems before the stormy winter months. This service is provided by licensed arborist John Tooley of Northeast Tree Service accompanied by the Tree Warden. Other tree concerns by village residents can be addressed by contacting the Tree Warden who will then arrange an inspection by the arborist.

Submitted by Jane Phillips, Tree Warden

Wharfmaster Report Annual Report 2007

The 2007 season was another busy one at the Alfred J. Keith wharf area in Bayside.

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

For the most part in 2007, activity around the wharf area was pretty much business as usual. No major incidents/mishaps/accidents 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, Michelle Nealey, and two assistant wharf masters, Drexell White and Ed Williams who helped keep an eye on dock area activities. In addition, the NYC sailing program, under the direction of Tori Reilly, Ed Williams, and Garrett Lojek, once again had a busy year utilizing the dock and float areas. The anchorage had well over one hundred fifty boats moored and as usual the boat float was packed to capacity with dingies. The old boat float was replaced by a new one of similar design and size in 07. The float was built in the offseason by Winterport Dock Works, and was delivered and installed in late May. This float survived it's inaugural season with flying colors! Late in the season, the overseers decided that it was also time to replace the old swim float, so a new one was ordered and should arrive in time for the upcoming 08 swimming season. One improvement to the new float will be the addition of new and improved ladders.

Very few complaints were voiced last summer, and most of those that were, as usual involved the dingy situation, fishing, and boat float water use. 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 follow the wharf rules and utilize the out float and beach areas for dingy storage. As a result, the out float is under utilized and the main boat float is overcrowded.

With regard to fishing, there is still the occasional problem with fishermen and boaters, though I personally 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 the boat float 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 to help with this problem, and it seems to help a bit. Fishing is not permitted from the swimming float at any time, and is restricted on weekend use during prime boating hours.

As for use of the village/yacht club provided water hose on the boat float, too often the water is left running and is sometimes used inappropriately (by kids for water fights etc). Water is a service provided and should be used only to rinse off boats, to fill boat water tanks, get a drink, and to clean the float (ie cutting board etc) as needed.

Getting the word out and posting signs seems like the best way to try and deal with all 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 Cradle Park aka “the Cradle Yard”, located between Clinton and Pleasant Streets, there are still 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 be safe, use common sense, and be courteous and considerate of others. For additional information please contact myself at kgfuller@roadrunner.com or either of the assistant wharfmasters.

Contributed by Gordon Fuller, Wharfmaster.

Northport Yacht Club Annual Report—07

By Gordon Fuller, Commodore

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 five directors (Jackie Facey, Emerson Smith, Jon Linn, Jim Kelly, and George Allen). Each director serves a rotating two year term while the club officers serve annually. The first clubhouse was centered on the old steamboat dock—today the Alfred J. Keith Wharf. Today's clubhouse was built in 1950 at the water's edge on the south side of Ruggles Park. The 2007 membership was nearly 200 with about half boat owners, and half social members.

The club provided a full slate of activities/events to the people of the greater Northport/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 Lincolnton. The month of June was spent preparing our seven daysailers, two sonars, and two powerboats for the upcoming season, and also cleaning/organizing & performing maintenance activities to the clubhouse, planting the window boxes, and landscaping the area. The vast majority of work done by the NYC is performed by volunteers.

Once the summer season started in early July with the commencement of the Sailing School, under the direction of Tori Reilly, every week and weekend was filled with activities/events for young and old alike. Approximately 100 students participated in the sailing program throughout the season. Basic sailing skills, advanced lessons, seamanship, and safety was emphasized throughout. Ed Williams, Garrett Lojek, Jackie Facey, Gordon Fuller, Bruce Smith, Chris Lewton, Steve Kazalonis, and Jim Facey assisted Tori with the running of the program.

Sailboat racing was once again a big part of the club's summer agenda. Informal Thursday night Daysailer Races began in July and were held each Thurs pm, well into August. Two Walter Downs' Daysailer Regattas were held for the young sailors as well, one in July and one in August. Seven 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 assisted the Rockland Yacht Club with the running of the West Bay Race(s), and hosted the Annual Around Islesboro Race (AIR) in early September, which was once again very well attended—40 + boats. Money raised by this event was invested into the club's sailing program. Bruce and Elaine Smith claimed club honors in this race while Gordon Fuller in Red Alert claimed the regular season John Short Series trophy.



Photo by Tim Samway

Many social and non boating events were also included amongst our activities. These included a Weavers catered Chicken BBQ in the park, a boat parade, water slide/Lincolnvill Band concert in the park (co sponsored by NVC and BHPS), kids games over the 4th of July weekend, a cocktail party held on the clubhouse deck, a tag sale to raise funds for our Sailing Program, pancake breakfast, bonfire on the beach, and pot luck supper. A variety of spontaneous events just seemed to happen as well---ie clubhouse deck picnics, boat rides, etc.

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

Gordon Fuller was selected by his peers as Skipper of the Year, and Lisa and Dan Webster were selected as Members of the Year. As of the annual meeting in August, Jon Linn's term as a director came to an end, and Billy Haverty was voted in to join the Board---other Board members remained the same.. Club officers elected for the upcoming 2008 season included Jim Facey--Commodore, Jon Linn--Vice Commodore, Gordon Fuller---Rear Commodore, Bruce Smith---Fleet Captain, Jean Coughlin---Secretary, and Art Hall---Treasurer.

In the fall of 07, NYC undertook extensive repairs/modifications to the existing clubhouse and shoreline area. Money was raised in the form of a building fund in order to fund the desired projects. The underpinning was inspected and repaired as necessary, new French style front doors were installed, the deck was fully replanked, and two sides of the building were reshingled. Choppah construction did the building work for us and we feel great improvements were made. Elwell Construction also undertook the job of stabilizing the shore line area along the south side of the clubhouse. Again, the BOD was very pleased with the work done on this project. Additional projects planned for 08 include new wide front steps, lattice work around the building, additional benches on the deck, landscaping activities along the shoreline, and an off deck patio to set the grill on.

Finally, in the fall of 07, the NYC added one new Daysailer III to it's fleet—it shall be named Annah in memory of Mrs. Samway.

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

Contributed by Gordon Fuller, Commodore

Bayside Historical Preservation Society Report

The Bayside Historical Preservation Society continues to promote and maintain the history of Bayside and the original Northport Campground Association. The Shady Grove Museum is our face to the public and is continually being improved. We are adding to our collections that are on display. Be sure to visit the museum, which is open on Sunday afternoons, and bring your guests.

The new Bayside history book, *If These Cottages Could Talk*, written by many of our own residents and sponsored by the Bayside Historical Society is now available. The cost is \$40.00, and they are available at the museum or by sending a check to BHPS PO Box 304, Belfast, ME 04915. Those who have seen the book agree that it is a comprehensive collection of historical information and that all Baysiders will want one. A special thanks to Beverly Crofoot, our tireless editor.

We hope you were able to attend our annual meeting on July 12th and take the architectural tour of Bayside led by State of Maine Historical Preservation Office Director Earle Shettleworth. Other programs of interest are held during the summer, so watch the bulletin boards for upcoming events.

Our walking tour guide is available for locating places of historic interest, and signboards have been erected at many of these locations. These signs are very useful when showing guests around Bayside. The tour guides are available for \$5.00 at the museum or at Blair's.

Submitted by Harold Hede, President

Bayside Garden Club 2008

The Garden Club evolved out of a daydream on a Key West beach in 2002. It visualized a flower filled dinghy, flowering planters, hanging baskets and flags in Ruggles Park. By July 4th, all was accomplished. Longtime resident, Peg Lovejoy, donated her father's dinghy and a tiny band of volunteers did the rest. Flushed with success they decided to plan an August garden party reviving a long held Bayside tradition. The event took place at the Springtide shore front home of Mr. Merolla and Mr. Krulis and was attended by just under a hundred guests. Subsequent parties were hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Crofoot and presently by Lisa and Dan Webster. Following the original tradition, the fundraiser helps to raise money for various projects in the community. We now provide flower boxes for the community hall; funded the restoration of the twig fence in Merithew Square; and decorate the village at holiday season with wreaths and greenery. Meetings are held at various cottages throughout the summer and new members are welcome. A thank you goes to the Yacht Club for allowing us to use their water supply when nature doesn't provide.

Officers are: President Jane Phillips; Vice-President Alice Stein; Secretary/ Treasurer Pam Williams.

Submitted by Jane Phillips

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

Annual Meeting August 14, 2007

The Annual Meeting of the Northport Village Corporation was held on Tuesday, August 14, 2007, at 6:30 PM in the Bayside Community Hall with approximately 62 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, 2006, had been included in the Annual Report which was published more than two weeks before the meeting.

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

Article 1: J. Timothy Samway was elected Moderator of the meeting and sworn in by Elizabeth Wilson, Clerk. In his opening remarks, Samway introduced the officers of the Village Corporation, members of the Board of Overseers, 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. Samway then reviewed the rules for eligibility to vote and his rules for conduct of the meeting.

Article 2: President's Report.

President Josiah Huntoon explained Articles 4 & 5 of the warrant Article 4 will be addressing the exceptional work needed for the Wharf, Roads and Water Front due to that storm we recently experienced. He also explained that we will only be using this loan as needed and not all at once. Article 5 will be addressing the much needed upgrade of the Sewer system. Again it will only be used as needed. He also pointed out that Sewer had budgeted \$30,000 for repairs last year, and one repair on North Ave is estimated at \$100,000.

Article 3: Treasurer's Report.

Julian Sheffield distributed her reports and copies of the NVC Audit. Sheffield gave a detailed description of what her duties as Treasurer are. She then outlined the duties of the Office Manager and Bill Cressey, Chairman of the Finance Committee to show how we have a system of checks and balances. Sheffield then explained aspects of the financial report and the recommended budget.

Article 4: To see if the Northport Village Corporation will vote to authorize a loan not to exceed \$400,000, which will be used for Village infrastructure. Bill Cressey moved the article ; Judy Metcalf seconded. Cressey gave a description of projects that this will be used for.

After citizen questions and concerns from Mary Rackmales, Patricia Wright, and Lee Houghton, the moderator called for a vote on Article 4; VOTED – Carried by majority.

Article 5: To see if the Northport Village Corporation will vote to authorize a loan not to exceed \$200,000, which will be used for improvements to the Sewer System.

Bill Cressey moved the article, Metcalf seconded. Huntoon explained the history of improvements in the past. David Crofoot, Chair of the Utilities Department, spoke in support of the proposal, noting that as with Article 5, the borrowing allows the completion of projects while not increasing the annual budgeted expenditure for repairs and improvements. Moderator called a vote on Article 5; VOTED – Carried by majority.

Article 6: To see what sums of money the Northport Village Corporation will raise and appropriate for the following accounts for the fiscal year 2008:

Overseers' Proposed Budget

Total Income	\$189,500
Expenses	
General Government	\$64,750
Roads & Storm Drains	21,000
Protection & Safety	23,950
Community	20,500
Debt Service & Repair	19,300
Capitol Projects	<u>40,000</u>
Total Expenses	\$189,500

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.

Cressey moved the Article; Seconded by Metcalf. VOTED – Carried by majority.

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 2008 taxes.

Moved by Metcalf, seconded by Cressey; VOTED – Carried by majority.

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; VOTED – Carried by majority.

Article 9: To fix a rate of interest on taxes delinquent after November 30, 2007, equal to that charged by the Town of Northport. A voter questioned what we're doing to collect these overdue taxes. Metcalf responded that the Town of Northport collects our taxes for us and they have lien procedures they follow for overdue payments.

Moved by Metcalf ; seconded by Brockway; VOTED – Carried by majority.

Article 10. To approve the proposed new Fire Ordinance. Motion for vote by Metcalf, seconded by Allen. ;Overseer Allen explained the ordinance, the research done in drafting it; the consultation with the Town, and the public hearing in July on the draft ordinance. As a result of public comment, the draft ordinance was rewritten to include a requirement that homeowners obtain a permit for firepits. Substantial public comment, by Jackie Facey; Gibbs; James Facey; Gordon Fuller; Kathy Robbins; Shirley Rand; James Coughlin; Angela Cassidy; and Harry Rosenblum. VOTED – Carried by majority.

Article 11: To approve the proposed Bylaw changes. Moved by Metcalf, seconded by Huntoon. Metcalf gave background for the need to change the Bylaws of 1989. She explained the changes that were made. Citizen Tim Samway asked that the overseers consider a review of charter and bylaws concerning staggered terms for officers and overseers. VOTED – Carried unanimously.

Article 12: To elect the Officers by written ballot.

The Moderator asked Jim Facey of Nominating Committee to present the slate of officers.

President, Josiah Huntoon was elected president of the Village Corporation for the coming year.

Julian Sheffield was elected Treasurer.

Maureen Einstein was elected Clerk, no nominations from the floor.

Article 13: To elect Overseers by written ballot.

Facey 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. Overseers elected to one year term:

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

Article 14: Reports of Committees.

Pam and Ed Williams were thanked for serving as registrars.

Jane Phillips (tree warden) announced the arborist will be the Village if any citizens have concerns to register with him. As always she is available for any problems relating to trees.

Gordon Fuller, Commodore thanked the Overseers and residents for supporting the efforts of the Yacht Club.

David Crofoot (Utilities) stressed that with the major upgrades, the residents must be prepared to replace their house to sewer connection where needed.

Beverly Crofoot spoke for the Historical Society, reminding people that the *If These Cottages Could Talk* will be on sale soon.

All other committees referred to their reports in the Annual Report 2007 book.

Angela Cassidy, seconded by Joanne Coughlin, moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Elizabeth Wilson, Clerk
Northport Village Corporation

Tax Liens – as of July 1, 2008

2007

Drinkwater, George & Charleen
Fischer, Sharon
Gerrity, Mrs. Thomas
Lojek, John A. & Patrica J.
Paige, William
Paige, William E.
Rackliffe, Peter
Spollett, Peter F. & Susan M.
Tucker, Raymond
Waldron, Carol

2006

Drinkwater, George & Charleen
Gerrity, Mrs. Thomas
Spollett, Peter & Susan

2005

Drinkwater, George & Charleen
Gerrity, Mrs. Thomas

2003 - 2004

Drinkwater, George & Charleen
Gerrity, Mrs. Thomas

Bayside Building and Plumbing Permits

Building permits for the year 2007

4 - Foundations
1 – Replacement House
1 – New House
1 – House Move
3 - Additions

4 Septic and 7 Internal Plumbing permits

Respectfully,
John Larson, Northport CEO & LPI

Deaths 2007-2008

Glendon Black
Carole Deacon
Marge Diamond
Jim Duane
Tim Dugal
Stella Dykstra
Stephen Jubinsky



New Swim Float -- 2008