

**Northport Village Corporation
Utilities Department
July 7, 2006**

Minutes

The meeting opened at 2:30. The first order of business was an Executive Session for consultation with our attorney regarding the status of DEP matters. Closed at 3:00 p.m.

Present for the regular meeting: Chairman David Crofoot; Jim Coughlin, July Metcalf, Jane Strauss, and Superintendent Dick McElhaney. Also attending were Margaret and Dick Brockway, Margaret and Harrison. Homans, Tim Samway, John Woolsey, and Secretary Karen Hoedtke.

Metcalf moved and Coughlin seconded to accept the minutes of the last meeting.

Superintendent's Report:

Sewer Department

May Monitoring Data: There were no license exceptions during the month of May. Flow averaged 28,787 gpd with 6.22" of precipitation. High day was May 16th with 126,800 gals; low on May 6th with 7,600 gals.

BOD and TSS averaged 9 lbs/day and 6 lbs/day respectively. Weekly coliform tests were all negative.

Microbe-Lift Seeding Trial: On June 16th the Department began seeding the treatment plant with Microbe-Lift, a liquid culture of specialized bacteria for use in wastewater systems with or without aeration. The plant will be dosed weekly through mid-September. The Department hopes to see reductions in BOD and TSS concentrations, and possibly a decrease in odors especially during August when sewer usage is at its peak.

Outfall Buoy: The buoy is in place at the end of the outfall pipe.

Water Department

May Operating Data: Water consumption for May averaged 25,004 gpd compared to 17,575 gpd for the same period last year. The 28th was the high day at 37,629 gallons. The Superintendent suspects there to be a 4 – 5 gpm leak somewhere in the Village.

Notices will be posted in the Village requesting citizens to check for dripping faucets, running toilets, wet spots in the roads and yards.

Chlorine residuals in the distribution system averaged .1 ppm. Daily peak flow averaged 49 gpm. Test results for coliform were negative.

Belfast Water District, Rate Increase: The Belfast Water District has filed a 14.5% rate increase with the Maine PUC; if approved this will go into effect on October 1, 2006. Based on NVC's 2005 water usage, this translates into an increase of \$1,958 per year to the water budget. BWD will have a public hearing August 7, 2006, 7 p.m. at the Boat House, Commercial Street, Belfast.

Mrs. Homans expressed concern regarding odor on Maple Street and asked about the efficiency and safety of the treatment plant. The operation of the treatment plant was described (collection, settling of solids, chlorination and dechlorination of effluent, discharge to the ocean). She was assured that the plant is running very efficiently. The Department recently learned of blockage and back-up in a collection pipe on Main Street and repairs are anticipated.

Tim Samway commented on the wet area in Park Row; the Overseers have authorized Bill Paige to install a French drain to deal with this.

John Woolsey asked about sewer hookups for two properties. One would be for the ½ bath he would like to add to the studio he is renovating; the other would be to connect his house on West Street that is presently on private septic. He will need to file applications for permission to connect.

Moved, seconded and voted to reaffirm the existing SSDC fee in the amount of \$500.

Final revisions to the Utilities Ordinance were made. A public hearing on the revised Utility Ordinance will be held July 23rd at 10 a.m. following the Overseers' meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Hoedtke