

**Northport Village Corporation
Village Agent Report
July 11, 2021 Board of Overseers Meeting**

Parks

- Ruggles Park – status of newly seeded grass: Farley removed the temporary watering system and fertilized to promote growth. Still mowing to encourage the grass to grow and kill the weeds. Farley continues to monitor the situation
- Ruggles Park Playground: I am getting estimates to replace the mulch. The process requires digging out and removing the old mulch/fill and replacing it with new material. Prior to closing the playground for the 2020 season, we received an estimate of \$5,000 for the work.
- With a lot of prompting, Scott Munroe dismantled his old mooring float and removed from Ruggles Park before the July 4th weekend. Scott has said that he will seed the dead spot.
- Storm drains in new seawall area do not drain as fast as people expect because a temporary filter membrane was installed to prevent silt from clogging the storm drain. When the grass is established, the membrane will be removed.
- Seawall project area: Water running down the public walkway between 3 and 5 Park Row that washes silt and rocks down the side of the Park Row extension and around the corner of the boat ramp down toward the Bay.
- Water runoff in front of the new treatment plant: The hot top elevation is not high enough to prevent water runoff from collecting at the stairs to the new treatment plan. In discussion with contractor to remedy.
- Circle: After the contractor mowed, Lisa Webster raked up weeds and further beautified the flower dinghy. She also placed two ½ barrels with flowers at top of Ruggles Park.

Wharf and floats

- Annual wharf inspection by Pinnacle Hill Marine Engineering completed. Some of the outer skin of the fender pilings is coming apart. The inspection report will probably note this and recommend repair.
- Swim float hooked up to the dock for the season before the lifeguards started. The lifeguard chair is back on the dock, the lifeguard equipment moved out of winter storage to the dock storage, and the lifeguards began work on June 26. Dock safety rules have been posted several places on the dock. As soon as the dock is dry enough early in the morning, before swimmers are out on the dock, I will paint a red safety zone around the lifeguard chair.
- Ryan Fryer climbed down the dock ladder at low tide and scraped off barnacles on ladder so that kids won't cut their feet.

Roads

- Road sweeping: The Town's road sweeping contractor completed sweeping the roads of winter debris.

- Pleasant Street and Pleasant Alley:
- With the excessive dryness followed by a couple of storms with heavy downpours in a short period of time, we had a few small washout concerns:
 - A plugged culvert on upper Griffin Street led to a wash out of the edge of driveway and road.
 - A washout in front of two houses on Pleasant Street will need a bit of gravel.
 - At the top of Pleasant Lane, a car cut a turn to sharply and into the edge and made a deep tire impression into the edge of the road, so rain washed into the tire rut and washed out a small area that needs repair. The left side where we addressed water runoff from Broadway worked relatively well with some wash down the side of the road where garages were built right next to the road.
 - Little bit of washout on the culvert corner on Cobe Road.

Other than these small issues, our roads held up relatively well in the torrential downpours.

- Contacted the Town Road Commissioner about fixing the edge of Shore Road hot top where the ditch is undermining the road.
- Trimmed bushes blocking a speed limit sign on Shore Road.
- Water at head of Pleasant Lane: Talked with Road Commissioner about possibility of a shallow catch basin on Broadway with an underground pipe to tie into the _____ on the other side of the road to address water running down Pleasant Lane. He advised me to have Brown's Excavation to look at it and give an estimate for the work; he will see if he can do the work from the Town budget this fall or whether he may include it in the budget for next year. He asked me to check into raising up the storm at Merithew Square to reduce the depth of the "speed bump" there and give him the estimate.
- Shore Road – When Shore Road was paved, the contractor was supposed to raise up the sewer manholes and water risers in the road. The contractor claimed that two manholes were an odd size and did not raise them up. I have painted white circles around them to make them more visible, and I am working with town to get people to fix it. I have asked Farley for a price to raise the two covers, and I will continue to work with town.

Miscellaneous

- Thomas Parker, one of our lifeguards, performed with notable professionalism and skill in response to a serious emergency.
- Community Hall: Contractor scheduled to replace the two bowing support beams the week of July 19. We will need to coordinate with any Community Meeting Room users to avoid interference with the contractor.
- Electronic speed signs: I have been unable to find any electrician or company that is interested in working on this. Police Officer Danny Ryosa has also volunteered to work with the manufacturer's tech support to see if he can identify the issue.
- Police started end of June. He is patrolling and addressing speeding concerns. Cruiser is working so far.

- I continue to field calls from private contractors working throughout the Village on current and planned projects in the Village.
- I continue to deal with various villagers with issues they want addressed.
- Community Hall cleaning. Cleaning company resigned due to too much work. We're working on a solution.
- Pest control company has raised their rates for rodent control.

Village projects/needs on the near and far horizon with budget implications

- **Ruggles Park Playground:** New playground equipment will be needed soon. We will research options, costs and begin fundraising. The playground was funded as a memorial for Ann Einstein.
- **Basketball court:** Resurfacing needs to be included in 2023 budget.
- **Parking Ordinance Implementation:** Will require new signage and work to prepare Cradle Park for parking.
- **Community Hall:** The back of the hall needs to be assessed for potential reshingling needs. The bottom trim needed to be repaired, patched and cracks filled to reduce a rodent issue.
- **Floats replacement:** It is time to begin setting aside and saving money to replace the swim float. Replacement cost ballpark: \$25-45,000. Then, it will be time to save for a new boat float.
- **Inshore mooring block for the boat float:** The block is near the end of its life and needs to be replaced. The cement and metal block was ballast out of a Great Northern Paper Company locomotive that was donated to the Village many years ago. The previous owner of Oriental Cottage was a Great Northern manager and he donated the block and cables used for years to pull in the floats.
- **Library:** The memorial brick walkway is heaving and needs to be reset properly.
- I am still seeking estimates from companies and individuals who consistently do good work with projects like Merithew Square and Library ground maintenance, so that we can add these areas to our parks maintenance plan to be included in the budget and managed by the Village. Donations can continue to be accepted, as available, and the work will be arranged for and overseen by the Village.
- **Bayview Park:** The estimate to reshingle the gazebo (old gatehouse roof) on Bay Street with good architect shingles, and add some needed bracing is \$5,000.

Recent Utilities Activities

- In addition to the 2 new water service installations on Summit Street, a new water/sewer hook up in the Kelly Cove subdivision and a new sewer connection on upper Maple Street, mentioned in the last report, another water/sewer application has been received for 49 George Street, triangle between West Street, Upper Clinton and George across the library.
- Meter readings for the July billing are underway.

- Transducer failed in new water treatment plant, new part ordered and supervised installation. Paper blockage in pump in Shore Road pump station. Needed pull pumps, clean toilet paper and disinfectant wipes out of the pump. Emergency pump pull.