

**Northport Village Corporation
Village Agent Report
January 16, 2022 Board of Overseers Meeting**

Parks

- Ruggles Park: When the floats are removed in the spring, Farley will return to deal with that area.
- Bottom of Ruggles Park: 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. Met with contractor to discuss installing a storm drain to capture that water. Infrastructure Committee is discussing.
- 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 plant. In discussion with contractor to remedy. Contractor unofficially saying that it is “up to grade” and not really a problem.
- Parks maintenance: Plan to work with Tree Warden/Tree Committee to recommend scope of a parks/grounds maintenance contract (not the lawn mowing contract.)

Wharf and floats

- Infrastructure Committee agrees that wharf delayed maintenance is the first priority.
- Necessary repairs identified in annual wharf inspection by Pinnacle Hill Marine Engineering. Prock Marine has spent several days completing the authorized repairs. Final cost was less than they estimated.
- Swim float: Will need two new ladders for next summer. Estimated cost is \$325 each. Due to supply issues, stainless steel rather than galvanized steel will be used. Metal and woodwork for landing that the ramp sets on the float needs repair. Waiting for an estimate from Scott Munroe.
- Boat float repairs: Need new rub rail on south end of the boat float. Have purchased new rub rail and will need to coordinate with volunteers in the spring to install. Need to inspect boat float and dinghy float for needed repairs.
- Signage: Safety Committee and Wharfmaster have requested new signage regarding swimming safety and fishing rules. Will work with Safety, Wharfmaster and Communications to have new signs ready for next season.

Roads

- Working with Infrastructure Committee on road issues.
- Broadway: Residents have raised concerns about the October washout between Griffin and Main and the deepening ruts and potholes. I have spoken to the Road Commissioner about this.
- Crushed stone at base of Ruggles Park: During the seawall construction project, I told the project engineer and Infrastructure Committee Chair about my concerns

with the proposed crushed stone. I pointed out that the crushed stone would look good for the first year and then we would have a maintenance issue. Crushed stone does not freeze and would be scooped up by the snowplows. I recommended extending hot top for the parking area in front of the seawall and using gravel for the other areas. This winter, the Town and Village snowplows have plowed up the crushed stone, and we need to decide how to resurface the area in the spring.

- No Parking signs: Following past practice, we should request that the Town pay for any signs needed on Bay and Sea Streets to implement the parking ordinance.
- Water at head of Pleasant Lane: Talked with Road Commissioner about possibility of a storm drain on Broadway 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. Brown's has been too busy. He asked me to check into raising the storm drain at Merithew Square to reduce the depth of the "speed bump" there and give him the estimate. Unlikely that the Town will be able to address these issues in the current budget.
- Shore Road and Bluff Road: Asked the Road Commissioner to cut back the brush in the road right-of-way at points along these roads where tree limbs and shrubs are hanging over/in the roadway. Has not been done yet.
- New encroachments on NVC property. 34 Main Street owners have been informed in writing that their in-progress arbor and cement block flowerbed are in the 45-foot Main Street road right-of-way and must be removed. Encroachments have not been removed. Cinder blocks were moved back slightly to be even with arbor, but all are still in the roadway. And, the residents have been parking their truck in the roadway and in the snow plow path.
- Storm damage: More storms in December caused further Village road damage requiring repairs.
- Storm drain cleanout: Bill from Town for storm drain cleanouts was more than \$6,000. We pay half and the Town pays half. Our normal share is about \$2500.
- Storm damage repair costs: Submitted our repair costs to the Town for potential reimbursement if the Town receives federal emergency funds.
- Property owner complaints about water runoff from village roads: Whenever I have an opportunity, I advise property owners building new structures or doing major remodels to build their foundations higher than the crest of the road grade to avoid flooding. Property owners who ignore this advice then complain that runoff from the road floods their property and they want the village to do something about it. I suggest that we figure out some other ways to communicate this information. Website? Zoning ordinance?

Miscellaneous

- 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. We still need to find an affordable option for annual spring-cleaning upstairs. (Commercial companies want \$1,000+ for one annual cleaning.)

- CMP's replacement of poles on Shore Road and Bluff Road: During this work, I am onsite daily (Dig Safe) showing them where water and sewer lines are.
- Pending issues: (1) determined that tree near 34 Clinton Street that needs to be removed is in the Village 40 foot right-of-way in that area. Arborist determined that it is not dead, but dead limbs need to be removed. Property owner disagrees and would like tree removed. Scheduling a meeting with the arborist to make sure he is looking at the right tree.

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

- **Ruggles Park Playground**
- **Basketball court**: Resurfacing needs to be included in 2023 budget.
- **Parking Ordinance Implementation**: Requires new signage and work to prepare Cradle Park/Grove Street 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. Working on refining a cost estimate.
- **Inshore mooring block for the boat float**: The block is near the end of its life and needs to be replaced.
- 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

- Researching future water line on Bluff Road.
- At Town Administrator's request, met with Town Administrator, Road Commissioner and Bluff Road resident regarding needed removal of mailbox for safety reasons. Advised about location of sewer and water lines.
- Attended Town Select Board meetings regarding the Ordinance for Traffic Control & Vehicle Weight on Posted Ways to request an exemption from seasonal posting restrictions for trucks delivering chemicals to the wastewater treatment plant. Our request was granted.

Submitted by Bill Paige, Village Agent.