

**Northport Village Corporation
Village Agent Report
June 12, 2022 Board of Overseers Meeting**

Parking Ordinance Implementation Issues

- Signs: Worked with sign installation crew, and all recommended signs have been installed.
- Northport Yacht Club boat/trailer storage: Yacht Club accepted NVC's proposal and chose to clear boat trailer parking area and road around the utility garage. Work has been completed, and club representatives are pleased with the results.
- Cradle Row: Need a plan, money and new signage for planned future Cradle Row/Grove Street use.
 - Grove Street/Cradle Row Preparation for Parking: Working with Brown's Excavation on an affordable solution. (1) First option, although better, is too expensive: 4' wide trench by 140' long filled with rock tailings; 12" of -2" gravel over everything, except first 40' from Clinton in because that area is in better shape and needs less gravel. \$9,000. (2) 4' x 140' 2' deep trench, filled with rock tailings and 6" of -2" gravel, except 4" of gravel over first 40' in from Clinton. \$6,800. (3) Same as option 2, except only 4" of -2" gravel throughout. Cars may sink down and this option may not last as long as other options. \$6,200. All options will direct water to the Pleasant Lane ditch.

Parks

- Ruggles Park:
 - Farley has contracted with Turf Doctor to "weed and feed" for the summer. The grass cannot be moved for a few days after an application, so the park may look like it is overdue to be mowed.
 - Jim and Cathy Ross were informed of the Board's approval of their request to paint pickle ball lines on the basketball court.
 - Lawns 'r Us hired to clean up mussels from the floats stored in the park over the winter.
- 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. Estimate is \$5,000 for new catch basin that ties into the one further down.

Wharf, floats and seawall

- Swim float:

- Has been launched and will be installed before the lifeguard starts. We do not install it earlier because, in spite of warmer weather, the temperature of the water is still too cold for safe swimming.
- Two new stainless steel ladders have been ordered. The ladder for the east side of the float has been extended a bit to allow easier access for less agile swimmers.
- Metal and woodwork for landing that the ramp sets on the float has been repaired.
- Boat floats:
 - Boat floats were launched and hooked up before Memorial Day.
 - Volunteers installed new rub rail on south end of the boat float. Boat float and dinghy float have been inspected and are OK for this summer. Boat float ladder was broken when the float was pulled out of the water last fall and should be replaced.
- Signage: Safety Committee and Wharfmaster have requested new signage regarding swimming safety and fishing rules. Will get estimates when I receive final language from Safety, Waterfront and Wharfmaster.
- Dock house: Small carpentry projects/needed repairs will be done this summer.
- Seawall and wharf vandalism
 - A group of about 4 kids removed all of the small rocks Farley had placed between the granite blocks and threw them on the dock or into the water.
 - I had the ladder anchored on the front of the dock and used by swimmers removed and placed next to the lifeguard chair to be repaired. Someone (probably more than one person because the ladder is very heavy) pushed the ladder off the dock and into the bay. We filed a report with the Sheriff's Department and searched for the ladder. Andrew Bewsher eventually found it on the north shore and, with assistance, brought it back. The ladder has been repaired and reinstalled.

Roads

- Pleasant Street: Washout repaired.
- Storm drains cleanout: Met with Town's storm drain cleanout contractor when work began.
- Street sweeping: Met with Town's street sweeping contractor when work began. Contractor missed paved part of Park Row.
- Upper Clinton: Regraded and shaped for the season.
- West Street: Graded and shaped for the season.
- Seawall area: Graded, added gravel, etc. where washed out above the kayak storage area.
- North Avenue: before fuel costs skyrocketed, estimate to cut out curbing, dig out and fill in with gravel and hot top new area was \$5,000. Oil truck wheels may deteriorate the new hot top, and there is no guarantee about how long this "fix" will last.

- 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, and a resident mentioned it at a Town Municipal Officers meeting. After I spoke to the Town Administrator, the portion of the washout that was in front of a driveway was repaired.
- 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. Waiting for an estimate. 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 address these issues in the current budget.
- Shore Road and Bluff Road: Repeatedly since last fall, have 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 encroachments have not been removed.
- 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

- Beale Park banking: Investigated complaint about a sewer smell, and determined that it is not a sewer issue. Appears to be ground water drainage.
- Fence around the pond: The frost has picked up the concrete posts and the fence is falling over. Replacing the fence was on a "10-year plan" that was never funded. Looking at temporary fix to reset the posts, but longer-term fix is needed soon.
- Truck and sander: When the sander is removed from the truck and cleaned up, I have identified someone who will try to repair it. If we can't repair, we will have to replace two chains for the slide tray. In addition the snowplow needs new blades (estimate \$800) and needs to be serviced this year.
- Merithew Square parking lot: Handicapped parking sign and post have been installed.
- 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.
- CMP's replacement of poles on Shore Road and Bluff Road: I continue to deal with companies regarding pole replacement and fiber optic cable.

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

- **Ruggles Park Playground:** Need to budget for crusher dust placed under the swings.
- **Basketball court:** Resurfacing will need to be done in the near future. The crack(s) is widening and will present a hazard at some point.
- **Community Hall:**
 - Shingles are ok. The bottom trim needed to repaired, patched and cracks filled to reduce a rodent issue.
 - Hammond Lumber has informed me that the hardware for the new door will not be available until September, so the new door installation will have to wait.
- **Inshore mooring block for the boat float:** The block is near the end of its life and needs to be replaced.
- **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.
- **Police cruiser:** Spring routine maintenance discovered that the cruiser needs new rear brake shoes, approximate cost of \$400.

Other Activities

- Interim Office Manager work.
- Wastewater and water department work with new connections.

Submitted by Bill Paige, Village Agent.