

***(Please note that this report is in two parts: the first is the committee meeting notes and the second is a brief summary of business conducted outside the committee meeting)***

**I: Infrastructure committee meeting minutes May 6 ,2023**

**Committee members attending**

Art Hall  
Bill Paige  
Bill Cressey  
Gordon Fuller  
John Lojek  
Dan Mooney

**Other attendees**

Janae Novotny  
Rachel Rosa

The committee reviewed the infrastructure priority list that we have been working with during our budget workshops, prioritizing all the fiscal year 2024 items in the discussion, as well as the two larger embankment stabilization projects that we need to start thinking about now and plan ahead accordingly.

Item by item the summary is below:

**1: Auditorium Park and Bayview Park embankment stabilization:**

The committee was in full agreement that the first step towards this project is the engineering design and they recommend that we include the appropriate budget for this inspection and design work in the 2024 budget. (see further notes on this in the section entitled " Summary of Business Conducted Outside the Committee Meeting").

**2: Electrical Work in the Community Hall and Garage at Fire Pond:**

The committee recommends moving this item into the fiscal year 2023 and tap into the contingency money or another line item where we could be under budget and redirect these funds to take care of this item within the current fiscal year.

Bill is working on getting an estimate for this.

### 3: Fire Pond Fencing:

The committee recognizes the safety hazard as the pond is very deep. They suggested looking into our insurance as well as grants from fire department.

We also discussed a short-term fix where the tree fell in.

Bill is working on getting other estimates

### 4: Basketball court:

The committee suggested that the crack be fixed before this summer for safety measures for children playing on the basketball court as well as people walking through the court.

Suggested two ways for funding are as follows:

- a. Check into the playground fund to see if there is any surplus
- b. Ask for donations.

Gordon, pointed out the shrubs behind the court, with the concern that they would scratch and harm the kids when they try to get the ball out of the shrubs.

### 4: Wharf Damage

Art Hall has kindly volunteered to try to fix some of the damage. Subsequent to our meeting, he already did some work on the pilings. He has also met with Bill and discussed further fixes that he will do by volunteering his time. Thank you, Art. We are very grateful!

5: Catch Basin at the bottom of Ruggles is an additional item added to the Infrastructure Priority list.

Our next Infrastructure Meeting is scheduled for June 25, Sunday at 9 am. We will meet at the dock so that we can do a walk though of the embankments first and then continue the meeting at the community hall.

## **II: Summary of Business Conducted Outside the Committee Meeting**

1: I set up a meeting with Will Gartley from G&D who came to Bayside to inspect Auditorium Park and Bayview embankments. His next steps will be as follows:

- a. A due diligence proposal for the services to do a study
- b. Preliminary study on the solution (cost estimate of \$3000 to \$4000)
- c. Engineering design and permitting permit (cost estimate of \$25,000). This would include the design, permitting, construction work and timeline for each embankment with which we could go out to bid)

2: I have done some more research on grants and met with James Kossuth, Northport Town Manager and Molly Schaufler, a resident of Northport who is a Science Education Consultant at University of Maine, who has kindly volunteered to help us with grant writing.

Please find below the grant that we discussed for Bayside and Northport during this meeting, in view of helping fund the engineering design work:

a. Community Resilience Partnership:

This is a no-match grant of up to \$50,000. The next round of fundings is to be announced soon. There are a few steps that we would need to take in order to apply and in summary this entails: passing a resolution that we as a community care about coping with climate change; conduct a self-evaluation; from their list of suggested community actions figure out which ones are important to us; hold a public forum on priorities.

If municipalities join together on this grant, the sum increases and capped at \$125,000. Molly has volunteered to find out if Northport and Bayside can be combined together for this larger sum.

(Please see additional documents attached regarding this grant)

2: Other grants I have done some research on are as follows:

a. Coastal Communities Grant:

This is currently available, but the application is due in June. However, I have been informed that this is a standing grant and happens every year so could pursue next year's cycle.

Max award of 50,000 USD with a 25 % match. This would also be to help with the engineering design work.

b. Boat Facilities Fund:

As mentioned in the April Overseer meeting, we have submitted the pre-authorization. The next step is for Heather Seider to come out for an assessment. If we qualify, the application deadline is July 19.

This grant is max \$100,000 with a 25% match