

**Northport Village Corporation
Draft Minutes of the Board of Overseers Meeting
Sunday, December 10, 2023**

Overseers, Officers and Staff present: Celine Bewsher; Brady Brim-Deforest; Fred Lincoln (via Zoom); Judy Metcalf (via Zoom); Michael Tirrell (via Zoom); President, Janae Novotny; Treasurer Wendy Huntoon (via Zoom); Clerk, Maureen (Beanie) Einstein (via Zoom), Office Manager, Trish Parker and Village Agent, Bill Paige.

Public Comments:

Rachael Rosa (7 Auditorium Park) noted that the Utilities Committee recommended a bonus of \$500 for Fernie Barton. She asked that the vote be rescinded, and that the bonus be increased to \$750.00 for all the hard work he has done for the Village.

Business Meeting called to order at 9:03 a.m.

Janae N. asked if there were any questions or comments on the minutes of the November 12, 2023 meeting of the Board of Overseers.

Brady B. moved, seconded by Jeffrey W., to approve the minutes of November 12, 2023 of the Board of Overseers. Voted: Unanimous.

President's Report – Janae Novotny

Janae N. recommended the Board approve providing Bobby Patterson (in charge of snow removal for the Town of Northport) a \$100.00 gift card as a thank you for helping Bill Paige load sand into his truck for plowing during the winter months.

Jeffrey moved, seconded by Celine B., to approve giving \$100.00 gift card to Bobby Patterson as a “thank you” for his help to Bill P. during plowing in the winter months. Voted: Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report – Wendy Huntoon

Wendy H. referred the Overseers to her written report circulated prior to the meeting.

Village Agent Report – Bill Paige

Bill P. referred the Overseers to his written report circulated prior to the meeting. In addition to his written report, he noted that the peony bulbs in Merithew Square are 124 years old. He had given Beverly Crofoot permission to place orange tape around the area to protect the bulbs and keep folks off the peony beds. Someone has repeatedly removed this tape, and Janae N. has spoken to abutting neighbors and

explained the reason for the tape. Jeffrey W. said perhaps a “snow fence” would be a better protection for the bulbs.

Bill referred the Overseers to Sandra Butters’ application for access across NVC property to do work on her cottage. Her application is complete, he has signed it with an ok depending on the Overseers approval. Sandra Butters and her contractor Chris are in attendance at this meeting to take any questions.

Judy M. moved, seconded by Brady B., to approve Sandra Butters’ application for access to NVC property subject to the exact same language used to approve James Butters’ application: to require a \$20,000 refundable deposit cash or bond (once the Overseers and Village Agent have concluded there was no damage to the Park) and that Sandra Butters indemnify the Village against any damage incurred and any action related to the property filed by James Butters.

Voted: Unanimous.

Judy M. stressed that nothing in the Board’s approval of this application is intended to be a waiver or permission to waive the Town of Northport’s requirements regarding this property and the Town’s deadline of December 31, 2023.

Officer Manager’s Report – Trish Parker

Trish P. referred the Overseers to her written report circulated prior to the meeting.

Utility Trustees – Jeffrey Wilt

There were no exceedances in November, the third month in a row!

The Utilities Committee recommends that the Board approve two Grants accessed through Maine Municipal Bond Bank.

Jeffrey W., moved, seconded by Brady B., to authorize the NVC to enter into a loan agreement with the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for \$20,000 to complete the Wastewater Fiscal Sustainability Plan. Voted: Unanimous.

Jeffrey W., moved, seconded by Brady B., to authorize the NVC to enter into a loan agreement with the Maine Municipal Bond Bank for \$25,000 to complete the Wastewater Climate Adaptation Plan. Voted: Unanimous.

There will be a special meeting of the Utility Trustees, Tuesday, December 12th at 2:30 p.m. to continue Budget deliberations.

The Utilities Trustees also recommended that the Board approve a \$500 bonus for Fernie Barton in recognition of his recent extraordinary service. After discussion,

Jeffrey W., made a motion, seconded by Brady B., to approve a net bonus of \$750.00 to Fernie Barton in recognition of his experience and work done, above and beyond the call of duty, with the recent repair of the chlorination tank, and other matters throughout the years. Voted – Unanimous.

Committee Reports (as needed):

Infrastructure – Celine Bewsher

Infrastructure business conducted outside of committee meetings, there are two items.

1: For the shoreline stabilization engineering study and survey work, the Town received four bids in response to the RFP. The bids will open on Monday, December 11 and the suppliers are asked to come to the town meeting on December 11 to answer any questions we may have. The participating suppliers are Gartley and Dorsky; Dubois and King; GZA: Sevee and Maher.

2: James Kossuth and Celine B. filled out the pre-authorization for the “Land and Water Conservation Fund.” The deadline was the end of December. The next step will be an inspection to find out if we qualify for the grant.

Governance – Judy Metcalf

The Committee met on November 15, 2023. The Committee’s action item for January is to have the Overseers review the revised Fire Ordinance (which is available online). A public hearing will be held in early spring regarding the revised Ordinance.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business or comments, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen (Beanie) Einstein, Clerk
Janae Novotny, President