

**Northport Village Corporation**  
**Approved Minutes of the Board of Overseers Meeting**  
**Sunday, August 11, 2024**

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

**Community Comments**

John Spritz, 40 Clinton Avenue, expressed his profound thanks to those at the table for their work over the years and a special thanks to Judy Metcalf who made him a better village president.

Dan Webster, 690 Shore Road, noted that he and several others have been aggressively confronted by Paul Bernaeki for parking along Shore Road across the street from Community Hall.

**The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.**

**Approval of the minutes of the July 14, 2024 Overseers Meeting.**

Janae N. asked if there were any questions/comments to the July minutes distributed prior to the meeting.

Celine B. made a motion, seconded by Vicky M., to amend the minutes of the July 14 meeting to remove the: Infrastructure Planning List paragraph under the Infrastructure Report and replace it with: *Judy M. stated that she had a concern about the impression made by the notes in the Capital Planning List. Judy M. requested that the line of "according to Bill P., we wait until it is swept away and ask FEMA" be deleted. Celine B. declined to do so and stated that she had a duty to record people's points of view as stated in the meeting".* Celine B. stated that this discussion should also be moved and placed at the end of the meeting minutes prior to Executive Session, and also, was not an Agenda item.

Thorough discussion ensued.

**Voted: Celine B., Vicky M., J. Wilt – Affirmative.**  
**Brady B., Fred L., Judy M., Michael T. – Opposed.**

The motion to amend failed.

Judy M., made a motion, seconded by Fred L., that the proposed minutes be amended to take the portion that says "Infrastructure Planning List" and place it immediately prior to the Executive Session"; remove the first sentence and amend the last sentence to state as follows: *Celine B. declined to do so as the List accurately reflects what she heard stated at the planning meeting and stated that she had a duty to record people's point of view";* and that, the rest of the paragraph remain the same.

**Voted – Brady B., Fred L., Judy M., M. Tirrell – Affirmative**  
**Celine B., Jeffrey W. – Opposed; Vicky M. – Abstained**

**Motion to approve the Minutes as amended: Brady B., Fred L., Vicky M., J. Metcalf, M. Tirrell, J. Wilt – Affirmative; Celine B. – Opposed**

**President's Report – Janae Novotny**

Executive Session was removed from the Agenda.

Consideration of Jen Lannan's proposed donation of two Adirondack chairs. These chairs would be placed at the Library.

**Vicky M. made a motion, seconded by Celine B., to approve the donation of the two Adirondack chairs. Voted – Yes: Celine B., Vicky M., Judy M., Michael T., Jeffrey W. Abstained: Fred L. and Brady B.**

Request from Bill Cressey (Bayview Park) to allot more time before interest accrues on tax bills. The Town of Northport is responsible for and prepares our taxes; timing on tax bills is set by the town of Northport. Janae N. will follow up and get clarification from the Town on this matter.

The annual Chili Party on Clinton Avenue is set for Saturday August 31. Realistically, the party often spills out onto Clinton Street, and Janae N. suggested that the Board proactively approve closing Clinton for the party.

**Judy M. made a motion, seconded by Brady B., that Clinton Avenue between George Street and Broadway be closed to thru traffic from 4 p.m.-11 p.m. on Saturday, August 31. Voted – Unanimous.**

Presentation of the Articles on the Warrant and proposed Budget. Assignments were made to Board members to answer any questions and give a brief synopsis of specific Articles at the Annual Meeting.

Janae N. acknowledged that Judy Metcalf and Brady Brim-deForrest were leaving the Board and expressed appreciation, echoed by Board members, for their service.

#### **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 P circulated prior to the meeting.

#### **Parks and Trees Committee/Tree Warden – Vicky Matthews**

Request for approval of expenditure of not more than \$500 for signs for the Shore to Bluff footpath.

The Committee has a design for the signage, which was circulated in the meeting. Vicky M. will contact and work with the Town with any concerns they may have regarding signage and whether a culvert culvert is needed, etc. The purpose of the signs is to mark the path and protect the abutters' boundaries. The signage will include the "Volunteers of the Northport Village Corporation." Judy M. noted that maintaining a "forever wild" atmosphere was mandated in the donation of the land.

**Brady B. moved, seconded by Celine B., to approve expenditure of not more than \$500 for signs for the Shore to Bluff footpath, with the condition that the NVC Logo is on the signage. Voted – Unanimous**

They do not plan to treat village trees next spring for browntail moth.

#### **Utilities – Jeffrey Wilt**

There were no exceedances for both June and July.

**Town Liaison – Janae Novotny**

Broadway will not be paved this year due to high cost of bids received. The bids for culverts and ditching also exceeded the budgeted amounts, and the money budgeted for paving will be directed to culverts and ditching.

The Northport Community Church in Saturday Cove has been sold. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Northport Volunteer Fire Department.

The Town is still negotiating with MMA over liability insurance for the current Town Office building, which MMA has declined to insure because it is structurally unsound.

**Office Manager’s Report – Trish Parker**

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

**Safety/Personnel – Michael Tirrell**

The Safety Bulletin is on the NVC website and also distributed by Dan W. on Baysidemaine.com.

In the absence of a police officer, the consensus was that it has been a relatively quiet summer. Speed is an issue that continues, but the electronic speed signs have helped to slow traffic. Wendy H. stated that parents should be reminded it is their job to communicate and enforce safety rules for their children.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen (“Beanie”) Einstein, Clerk

/s/

And

Janae Novotny, President

/s/

Approved by the Board of Overseers, September 8, 2024.