

**Northport Village Corporation  
Village Agent Report  
August 13, 2023 Board of Overseers Meeting**

**Action requested**

**Parks**

- Ruggles Park playground. Playground needs more chips – in addition to what we recently put down. The chips used on the playground are made in Canada. Looking into whether we can buy them directly, instead of buying from the playground structure company. Need to fill areas under swings with crusher rock.
- 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. New catch basin that ties into the one further down will be installed this season.
- Ruggles Park: Looking into removing rotten stumps at some point in the future.
- Bayview Park and Auditorium Park: We lost some shoreline embankment at the bottom of these parks. Will need to have a soils engineer assess possible stabilization. See Infrastructure Committee report and grant application activities.
- All parks: Park benches need to be repositioned (close to existing locations) because they have settled. May need to fill holes when they are repositioned.

**Wharf, floats and Ruggles Park seawall**

- Annual wharf inspection by a marine engineer was done and the report given to Prock Marine to provide a cost estimate for needed repairs.
- Signage: Signage regarding swimming safety ordered. Temporary signs posted. Boat float and fishing signs being worked on.
- Light on end of dock: The light is flickering on and off and probably needs to be replaced. Electrician scheduled to come.
- Dock Building: Looking tired. Needs scraping and new paint. Gordon Fuller will recruit volunteers if NVC supplies the paint.

**Roads**

- Pleasant Street: Budgeted Pleasant Street repair work will start the week of August 20-26.
- General road maintenance: Completed. Rented a roller to compact the regraded streets and they have held up so well in recent rainstorms that we plan to do it again next year.
- 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.

**Miscellaneous**

- **Needed electrical work:** Received the following estimates for needed electrical work:
  - Maintenance building: \$1300.61
  - Lab/water shed: \$954.76
  - Community Hall (meeting room, office and hallway): \$1350.08
  - Community Hall (upstairs stage area-to install proper wiring for fans added by Bayside Arts): \$936.18

If 2023 funds are available later in the year, request that the maintenance building electrical work be approved so that I will have light for maintenance work needed this fall and winter. The remaining work should be in the 2024 budget.

- Fence around the fire pond: The frost had picked up the concrete posts and the fence was falling over before the tree fell on it. Replacing the fence was on a “10-year plan” that was never funded. A temporary fix is no longer possible. The fence needs to be replaced as soon as possible for safety reasons. First estimate about \$20,000. Talking to another fence company. We may need to do a temporary fix or fix half of the fence.
- Fire hydrants: We are installing two new hydrants in September or October.
- Truck and sander: Sander has been repaired. I have ordered new blades for the snowplow (estimate \$800), and the plow will be serviced when the new blades arrive and are installed. Blades are backordered.
- 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.
- Cradle Row: Still waiting for Overseers’ decision for a plan, money and new signage for planned future Cradle Row/Grove Street use.
  - If Cradle Row will continue to be used for parking, we need to prune trees. A villager recently notified us that a falling tree limb damaged their car when it was parked in Cradle Row.
  - Grove Street/Cradle Row Preparation for Parking: (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. Estimates are out-of-date. Add 10%.
  - Parking: Well used for parking over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday.

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

- **Inshore mooring block for the boat float:** The block will be replaced this season. It has been ordered; waiting for delivery. Rough estimate of replacement cost is \$3500. Inboard chain broke on boat float, and Scott Munroe repaired it.
- **Floats replacement:** It is still time to begin setting aside and saving money to replace the floats; they are starting to show their age.

## **Other Activities**

- Working with CMP regarding pole replacements.
- Working with new lawn mowing contractor to make sure they understand what we want.
- Busy with plumbers getting water services turned on.
  - Seasonal water shut off issues: Seasonal water shut off starts Oct 15 and all seasonal water needs to be off by Nov 1.
  - Shutting off the water at the street (Village property/equipment) is prohibited unless authorized by Village Agent. Only the Village turns water on/off at the street.
  - Everything from the Village shut off at the street to the house and under/in the house is the homeowner's responsibility. The homeowner arranges with a plumber to drain the house, remove the water meter in or under the house and return the water meter to the Village for winter storage.
  - The water meters belong to the Water Department. The Village collects and stores them for the winter.
  - Seasonal water turn on for seasonal cottages begins May 1.
- Outfall pipe buoy: The sewer department's outfall pipe buoy was replaced and relocated to the correct position.

Submitted by Bill Paige, Village Agent.