

**Northport Village Corporation**  
**Village Agent Report**  
**August 11, 2024 Board of Overseers Meeting**

**Recent activities and recommendations**

- I received the 2024 annual wharf inspection report from Pinnacle Hill Engineering. A copy of the report is attached. I am still trying to connect with Islesboro Marine, Prock Marine and others to determine the costs of needed repairs and availability of companies to do the work. The engineer notes that the “pier is still in good condition but the stresses of the recent winter storms have damaged a lot of bracing under the deck and between the piles.” The report gives very specific recommendations regarding replacement materials and states that the repairs need to be completed before the next storm season.
- The EPA requires water systems to prepare and maintain an inventory of service line materials. Initial inventories are required to be submitted to state primacy agencies by this fall. I have been working with the lead & copper service line inventory folks to provide plans and documents for the digital inventory.
- Working with the Town Road Commissioner and Town Administrator regarding culverts and other issues concerning the path between Shore Road and Bluff Road.

**Parks**

- Bayview and Merithew Square Parks: Personal property continues to be left in the parks or leaning up against fencing when not in use - bikes, plastic chairs and a bench, volleyball net left on a bench, etc.
- Ruggles Park: I disposed of a bike that was left in Ruggles Park for over a month. A concern was mentioned about safety and the granite Field memorial bench near the swings and basketball court. The bench was approved by the overseers. It would be very difficult to move, and I don't know where to relocate it that would not create more concerns. Looking into removing rotten stumps at some point in the future.

**Wharf, floats.**

- Dock Building: Looking tired. Needs scraping and new paint.
- Status of dock/causeway-storm damage repairs: Still needs to be done when I can find someone to do the work:
  - Lost more fiberglass coating on the fender pilings. Coverings need to be removed and pilings painted. Asked Bayside Marine if he was interested and he has not replied.
  - Fender pilings on the boat float side of the dock are loose and need repair. Current high tides are reaching the level of the dock planking. The next major dock rebuild should raise the dock.

**Miscellaneous**

- All village lighting, except streetlights, have been converted to LED. Am exploring what is involved in changing over the streetlights.

- Continuing to assess and consider improvement of Bayview Park storm - drain/outfall adjacent to Oberg's property. Because of abundance of heavy rains the last couple of years and severity of winter storms hitting at high tide, the storm drain/outfall needs help. Any of the fixes I have thought about must be consistent with recommendations we expect from the engineer hired by the Town to assess shoreline erosion. Whatever plans the Village decides on, I recommend restricting the area to storm drain/outfall purposes and no longer allow public access for construction on shoreline cottages.
- I continue to field calls from private contractors working throughout the Village on current and planned projects in the Village, and deal with various villagers with issues they want addressed.
- My cell phone is also my personal phone. **If you have my number, do not give it out to anyone. The Village office phone is the right number to use for Village business.**

### **Village projects/needs with budget implications**

- Floats replacement: It is still time to begin setting aside and saving money to replace the floats; they are starting to show their age.
- Sander and plow: We should plan to replace sander in 3 years. Plow should be replaced sooner.
- Community Hall: We appear to be missing some of our wood/metal tables and a couple of plastic tables have been "donated." Some of the tables are really showing age and wear and need to be replaced.
- Portable PA system: We need a new system for NVC outside events. (Bayside Arts allows us to use their new system inside the hall.)

### **Roads**

- 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.

### **Utilities**

- We had some issues with the new water meter in the vault not registering accurately. The Belfast Water District and NVC worked with the supplier (who worked with the manufacturer) to identify and fix the problem.

Submitted by Bill Paige, Village Agent.