

Northport Village Corporation
Village Agent Report
August 10, 2025 Board of Overseers Meeting

Recent activities

- Continuing to work on getting project estimates for items on the MMA list. Contractors are scheduling out a year or more. Identified a contractor for Community Hall building/carpentry work and lab/water shed work; waiting for an estimate. The electrician has done the work required by MMA. I scheduled the electrician to come back to change out a faulty breaker in the electrical box at the Community Hall and this has been completed.

Wharf and floats

- Wharf: Dallas Fields Dive Service completed the major brace work on the wharf. Remaining repairs will be made in the summer. Weather has not cooperated with scheduling needs.
- Floats: Working with marine engineer to finalize design and construction plans for swim and boat float construction to make sure they are sturdy enough to meet our needs. I met several times with the Engineer to finalize the design. We now have engineered plans for the swim float and the boat float. If you would like to see these plans they are available for viewing at the office only. The Engineer noted that our floats are designed differently and built much sturdier than most floats along the Eastern Seaboard. This design reflects the fact that our floats are used in open, not shallow water.

Utilities

- Have been dealing with 3 new water services, all on the Bluff Rd. All are installed and one is already in service at this time. We have installed and put into service a water service off Route 1, which is in service now as well.
- Fixing water service/connections and reconfiguring required plumbing and meter set up in several cottages' remodels have been completed.
- I have had several meetings with Dirigo Engineering for mapping sewer lines. The Engineer and Chuck Applebee, Utilities Superintendent, are preparing to get an environmental company to come in and set up CCTV plus power scrub sewer plant fallout pipe. They will also be power scrubbing and looking in the sewer lines to see the condition of sewer lines and inspecting the outfall pipe per the DEP requirements. This work has been done.
- Sewer maintenance work and Dig Safe requests are still ongoing.

- Fixed 3 small water leaks. In the process of fixing a slightly bigger water leak. There is still one large water leak that I have been unable to find as yet.
- Working on 4 Sewer applications and 4 water applications for new services.

Roads

- Working on plans and getting ready for work to begin on Pleasant St. and Ruggles Park project.
- The Town of Northport is going to grind and pave the entire length of Broadway, from Bay St. to Bayside Rd. sometime in the near future. I also met with the paving contractor in going over the raising of sewer and water risers on Broadway.
- 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.
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Miscellaneous

- I continue to talk or meet with Town Administrator James Kossuth on a regular basis about items that impact the village.
- The Northport Fire Dept and the Village Agent (myself) had a large training exercise one afternoon and evening at the fire pond on Bluff Rd., regarding pumping several fire engine pump trucks and a rural hitch set up. This training is for pumping from a pond to dump tanks in a series and then pump out of the series and then onto the fire, but in the training, we pumped back into the pond. It was the first time for this type of training at the fire pond. It was a big turn out and the training was very informative. No water was wasted, as it was returned to the pond.
- 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 project/needs with future budget

implications • Sander: We are planning to replace sander in 3 years.

- Community Hall: We are missing some of our wood/metal tables and a couple of plastic tables have been “donated.” Our tables are really showing age and wear and need to be replaced. Propose to include for 2027 budget.
- MMA Risk Management recommendations: I am still getting estimates and scheduling work that can be accommodated in the current budget.

- Roads/storm drainage: Area in front of mailboxes at Merithew Square to North Ave and down North Ave to the new hot top needs to be hot-topped, and another storm added. The project needs to be engineered to decide how to handle storm runoff. Lower Clinton Avenue from Merithew Square down needs curbing or storm drain to handle water that is currently washing out the embankment at the bottom of the street.

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