

**Northport Village Corporation  
Village Agent Report  
January 14, 2024 Board of Overseers Meeting**

**Recent activities**

January 9-10 storm assessment

- Dock/causeway
  - Lost more fiberglass coating on the fender pilings.
  - Some dock planking pulled up. Nails showing. May need longer fasteners now.
  - One fender piling on the boat float side of the dock is loose and needs to be tightened.
  - Waves pulled up a 4x4 dock cap by the lifeguard chair; needs to be reset.
  - The Water Department's water pipe running under the dock is broken and need to be replaced.
  - Railing on south side of the causeway was loosened and needs repair.
  - Rocks at end of causeway need to be reset and washed away gravel replaced.
  - On south side of causeway, waves washed away grass and loam; new loam and grass seed needed.
  - More crushed stone needed on walkway to replace what was washed away.
  - Current high tides are reaching the level of the dock planking. The next major dock rebuild should raise the dock.
- Causeway/seawall/riprap behind treatment plant building to yacht club area
  - Large amount of seaweed, logs and debris piled up. Cleared debris washed up on the circle in the way of traffic.
  - Plan to wait until after the storm expected this weekend to see how much debris moved out and somewhere else by the waves, and will clean up. From the Wastewater Treatment Plant to the yacht club area: need to assess how to move largest items while avoiding parking/working on top of the sewer tanks. May leave this area until spring and hope that large trees and logs are washed away.
- North shore
  - Waves washed out area behind the seawall where small watercraft are stored and washed out the boat ramp area. Anticipating future washouts this winter, will plan to wait until spring to fill in these areas.
- Lab and water shed on Bluff Road: two trees uprooted and fell on the building; assessing damage.
- Auditorium and Bayview Parks suffered additional erosion.

**Additional recent activities**

- 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.

- Shopping for new, additional AED to keep in Community Hall, as approved in 2024 budget.

### **Parks**

- Ruggles Park playground. Playground needs more chips – in addition to what we recently put down. The cedar chips used on the playground are made in Canada. Not practical to buy them directly; we must purchase through a 3<sup>rd</sup> party. Need to fill areas under swings with crusher dust.
- 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**

- Wharf: Still waiting for Prock Marine to schedule routine maintenance.
- Signage: Boat float and fishing signs being worked on.
- Dock Building: Looking tired. Needs scraping and new paint.

### **Roads**

- Sander and plow: Had to replace sander motor (total parts and labor: \$1591.63). Original motor lasted 7 years under harsh conditions. We should plan to replace sander in 3 years. Plow should be replaced sooner.
- General road maintenance: Planned maintenance has been completed
- 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

Waiting for electrician's insurance information and then will schedule the work.

- 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. I'm looking for another estimate.

- 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.

### **Village projects/needs on the near and far horizon 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.

### **Utilities**

- Usual tasks, including working with DigSafe on construction projects, including State work on Route 1.
- My cell phone: Plumbers have given my cell number to some owners, who call me at night and on weekends. 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.**

Submitted by Bill Paige, Village Agent.