

Northport Village Corporation

Village Agent Report June 13, 2021 Board of Overseers Meeting

Overview of Current Projects

Overseer action requested

- **Request Overseers approval of the expenditure of up to \$1,000 to replace two downstairs support beams in Community Hall.** Two support beams are bowing. The upstairs floor appears to be settling due to insufficient support. I contacted several contractors. A contractor will jack it up to measure the tension on the support beams. Each support beam will be replaced with 3 2x6 beams, encased with trim. We will monitor situation. Without pulling down the ceiling, we can't tell if the walls are supporting or freestanding, which would explain the bowing.
- **Request Overseers approval of Tidewater Oil Company fuel oil contract for the period beginning June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022.** A copy of the contract was emailed to the Overseers for their review before the meeting. The approximate breakdown of the contract is General - \$600, Water - \$575 and Sewer - \$575.

Parks

- Ruggles Park – status of newly seeded grass: People have mentioned concerns about the weeds. Farley is monitoring the situation and has mowed the park twice, so far. Mowing will encourage the grass to grow and kill the weeds. Farley may have to reseed some areas. They will be setting up a temporary sprinkler system for the newest seeding areas. Farley will continue to monitor the grass situation.
- Ruggles Park Playground: I am getting estimates to replace the mulch. The process requires digging out and removing the old mulch/fill and replacing it with new material. Prior to closing the playground for the 2020 season, we received an estimate of \$5,000 for the work.
- Basketball court: Jeffrey Wilt has volunteered Pierce and George Wilt to install the new nets that we have purchased.
- Library: The memorial brick walkway is heaving and needs to be reset properly.
- I am still seeking estimates from companies and individuals who consistently do good work with projects like Merithew Square and Library ground maintenance, so that we can add these areas to our parks maintenance plan to be included in the budget and managed by the Village. Donations can continue to be accepted, as available, and the work will be arranged for and overseen by the Village.
- Bayview Park: The estimate to reshingle the gazebo (old gatehouse roof) on Bay Street with good architect shingles, and add some needed bracing is \$5,000.

Wharf and floats

- Annual wharf inspection: preparing for annual inspection by Pinnacle Hill Marine Engineering. Some of the outer skin of the fender pilings is coming apart. The inspection report will probably note this and recommend repair.

- As a result of moving the floats more than usual for the seawall project, the boat and swim floats are less stiff and more flexible than they used to be.
- The wood ladder on the boat float was broken and replaced 3 times last year. The newest ladder was donated and installed by Craig and Beau Brigham.
- The dinghy float ladder was also broken. Great Northern Docks was contacted for new railings and Bayside Marine has installed them.
- I will be installing the lifeguard chair back on the dock and moving the lifeguard equipment out of winter storage to the dock storage before the lifeguards begin work for the season (June 26 this year).
- Swim float will be installed shortly before the lifeguards start work.

Roads

- Road sweeping: Individuals have inquired about the roads that have not been swept of winter debris. The Town handles annual road sweeping, and I am in contact with the Road Commissioner about this issue. The Town's road sweeping contractor is way behind schedule, apparently because he can't hire enough workers.
- Park Row: Sally Wilson has complained to two overseers and to me about the "widening" of Park Row. Park Row was not widened. To help with drainage and proper grading, road gravel was added on sides of the road where grass and weeds had encroached. There is also talk that Park Row was widened to accommodate two-way traffic during seawall construction. Park Row was not widened. The roadwork on Park Row was unrelated to the seawall project.
- North Avenue: I have received a complaint that the North Avenue curbing makes the road narrower.

Miscellaneous

- Trash collection: A communication was sent out reminding people of the trash collection rules. (Thank you, Lisa Fryer.)
- Cruiser maintenance: Keep your fingers crossed that the cruiser lasts the season without any more major maintenance issues. We may need to replace the battery.
- Electronic speed signs: Troubleshooting why they are not working properly and looking for potential repairperson.
- Fielding calls from the many private contractors working throughout the Village.
- Dealing with various villagers with issues they want addressed.

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

- **Ruggles Park Playground**: New playground equipment will be needed soon. We should start researching options, costs and potentially begin fundraising. The playground was funded as a memorial for Ann Einstein. I have contacted Blair
- **Basketball court**: Resurfacing needs to be included in 2023 budget.
- **Parking Ordinance Implementation**: Will require new signage and work to prepare Cradle Park for parking.

- **Community Hall:** The back of the hall needs to be assessed for potential reshingling needs. The bottom trim needed to repaired, patched and cracks filled to reduce a rodent issue.
- **Floats replacement:** It is time to begin setting aside and saving money to replace the swim float. Replacement cost ballpark: \$25-45, 000. Then, it will be time to save for a new boat float.
- **Inshore mooring block for the boat float:** The block is near the end of its life and needs to be replaced. The cement and metal block was ballast out of a Great Northern Paper Company locomotive that was donated to the Village many years ago. The previous owner of Oriental Cottage was a Great Northern manager and he donated the block and cables used for years to pull in the floats.

Recent Utilities Activities

- We have turned water on for all but 2 of our approximately 185 seasonal water customers.
- Handling 2 new water service installations on Summit Street, a new water/sewer hook up in the Kelly Cove subdivision and a new water/sewer connection on upper Maple Street.
- We have received several inquiries about the sewer smell (not to be confused with annual smelly seaweed issue) in Kelly Cove. The problem is with a private septic system in the area.