

Northport Village Corporation
Village Agent Report
May 12, 2024 Board of Overseers Meeting

Recent activities and recommendations

- I inspected the park and can recommend returning the rest of Rick Fischer's deposit for Merithew Park access while working on Butters cottage.
- Some Yacht Club representatives want the cleats on the dinghy outfloat replaced with the pipe system used on the boat float. Cost of materials, not including labor to install, is \$500. This is not a budgeted expense. Suggest that the Yacht Club could pay for and do this work if they decide it is a priority.
- 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.
- Researching various costs for 2025 budget planning.

Parks

- Ruggles Park playground. Continuing to source chips and chips alternatives; white cedar chips are hard to find.
- Ruggles Park: Looking into removing rotten stumps at some point in the future.
- Bayview Park and Auditorium Park: We lost more shoreline embankment at the bottom of these parks in recent storms. A soils engineer is assessing possible stabilization as part of climate resiliency grant.
- 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.
- Our lawns contractor cleaned up downed tree branches and debris as part of the spring clean-up, and placed mulch around recently planted trees. Parks mowing will begin soon.

Wharf, floats and Ruggles Park seawall.

- Bayside Marine has been notified that before the Memorial Day weekend, the boat float must be attached to the dock and all of the other floats must be in the water.
- Sometime after Memorial Day, our marine engineer will complete annual inspection/report of the wharf.
- Float related repairs: Welder has repaired aluminum ramps to the floats. The roller on the swim float needs to be rebuilt and has been given to a welder to repair/replace the bearings.
- Signage: Boat float and fishing signs have arrived and will be installed soon.
- Dock Building: Looking tired. Needs scraping and new paint.
- Status of dock/causeway-storm damage repairs:

- Needs to be done:
 - 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.
- Completed:
 - Dock cap replaced along front of wharf.
 - Pulled-up dock planking repairs complete.
 - Wharf light post reattached and strengthened.
 - Lifeguard chair base repaired and chair reattached. Lifeguard equipment storage box repaired.
 - Most of dock top railing replaced; slats replaced as needed.
 - Added braces to various parts of the dock railing.
 - The Water Department's broken water pipe running under the dock fixed.
 - Loose railing on south side of the causeway repaired.
 - 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 added.
 - More crushed stone needed on walkway to replace what was washed away-done.
- Current high tides are reaching the level of the dock planking. The next major dock rebuild should raise the dock.
- 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.

Roads

- Sander and plow: We should plan to replace sander in 3 years. Plow should be replaced sooner.
- 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

- Fence around the fire pond: Received second estimate based on second company's thorough on-site inspection of the fence. Company recommends replacing the entire fence for an estimated \$20,000. I agree that the entire fence should be replaced, and the work is scheduled to begin the end of May/first of June. 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.

- 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.

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

- Busy turning on seasonal water services.
- Usual tasks, including working with DigSafe on construction projects, including State work on Route 1.
- New 6" meter installed at the vault after the 4" failed is installed and running smoothly.
- Fire hydrant flow testing completed on our 7 hydrants. Next step is color coding and painting the hydrants.
- Dug up and repaired NVC pipes for three services that required repair before the service could be turned on.
- 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.