

**Northport Village Corporation
Village Agent Report
November 14, 2021 Board of Overseers Meeting**

Parks

- Ruggles Park – status of newly seeded grass: Still mowing to encourage the grass to grow and kill the weeds. Farley continues to monitor the situation. After a couple of frosts, Farley will pre-seed for spring, and when the floats are removed in the spring, Farley will return to deal with that area.
- Bottom of Ruggles Park: Water running down the public walkway between 3 and 5 Park Row that washes silt and rocks down the side of the Park Row extension and around the corner of the boat ramp down toward the Bay. Met with contractor to discuss installing a storm drain to capture that water. Waiting for an estimate.
- Water runoff in front of the new treatment plant: The hot top elevation is not high enough to prevent water runoff from collecting at the stairs to the new treatment plant. In discussion with contractor to remedy. Contractor unofficially saying that it is “up to grade” and not really a problem.
- Parks maintenance: Plan to work with Tree Warden/Tree Committee to recommend scope of a parks/grounds maintenance contract (not the lawn mowing contract.)

Wharf and floats

- Infrastructure Committee agrees that wharf delayed maintenance is the first priority.
- Necessary repairs identified in annual wharf inspection by Pinnacle Hill Marine Engineering. Prock is waiting for materials to arrive to begin the authorized repairs.
- All floats are out of the water and in Ruggles Park until next season.
- Swim float: Will need two new ladders for next summer. Looking at options. Getting estimates from a metal fabricator. Metal and woodwork for landing that the ramp sets on the float needs repair. Seeking an estimate.
- New stairs installed on the north shore seawall have been removed for the winter.
- Boat float repairs: Need new rub rail on south end of the boat float. Have purchased new rub rail and will need to coordinate with volunteers in the spring to install. When boat float and dinghy out float are out of the water, will need to inspect for needed repairs.
- Signage: Safety Committee and Wharfmaster have requested new signage regarding swimming safety and fishing rules. Will work with Safety, Wharfmaster and Communications to have new signs ready for next season.
- Personal watercraft:

Roads

- Pleasant Street and Pleasant Alley: Continue to respond to Pleasant Street and Pleasant Alley issues.

- Water at head of Pleasant Lane: Talked with Road Commissioner about possibility of a storm drain on Broadway to address water running down Pleasant Lane. He advised me to have Brown's Excavation to look at it and give an estimate for the work. He asked me to check into raising up the storm drain at Merithew Square to reduce the depth of the "speed bump" there and give him the estimate. Unlikely that the Town will be able to address these issues in the current budget.
- Road wash out on a driveway on upper Griffin Street has been repaired. Under torrential rains, problem will continue, so it has been referred to the Infrastructure Committee. Washed out again in the Halloween storm.
- Shore Road and Bluff Road: Asked the Road Commissioner to cut back the brush in the road right-of-way at points along these roads where tree limbs and shrubs are hanging over/in the roadway. Has not been done yet.
- New encroachments on NVC property. Informed new owners of 34 Main Street that their in-progress arbor and cement block flowerbed are in the 45-foot Main Street road right-of-way and not on their property. Will work with the President to contact property owner who cleared brush and dumped it on Village property.
- Halloween Storm 2021: Village received 6" of rain in about 3 hours. Resulted in washouts:
 - At 21 Maple, owner apparently filled sluiceway with crushed stone to create a parking place. As a result, storm water could not get to the storm drain and flooded across George Street and washed out Oak Street.
 - Washouts on Pleasant Street, Rogers Lane, front of pump station on Shore Road. Small washout at bottom of Park Row.
 - Held up well: Main Street, Upper Griffin (except ongoing driveway issue); West, Clinton (except small washout mid-Clinton)
 - Bayview Park: washout near the Cressy's cottage that required repair.
 - Cleaned out storm drains after the storm.

Miscellaneous

- 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.
- Community Hall cleaning. We still need to find an affordable option for annual spring-cleaning upstairs. (Commercial companies want \$1,000+ for one annual cleaning.)
- Streetlights: CMP repaired a couple of non-working streetlights. Now, I need to notify them about another that needs repair.
- Pending issues: (1) determined that tree near 34 Clinton Street that needs to be removed is in the Village 40 foot right-of-way in that area. Arborist determined that it is not dead, but dead limbs need to be removed. Property owner has tagged about 15 trees for his removal, and need to confirm that arborist examined the correct tree.

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

- **Ruggles Park Playground:** New playground equipment needed soon; committee working on this.
- **Basketball court:** Resurfacing needs to be included in 2023 budget.
- **Parking Ordinance Implementation:** Requires new signage and work to prepare Cradle Park/Grove Street for parking.
- **Community Hall:** The back of the hall needs to be assessed for potential reshingling needs. The bottom trim needed to be 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. Working on refining a cost estimate.
- **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.
- 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.

Recent Utilities Activities

- Seasonal water shut-off occurred.
- Water service at lot at corner of Griffin & George installed to curb stop.
- Researching future water line on Bluff Road.

Submitted by Bill Paige, Village Agent.