

**Northport Village Corporation**  
**Village Agent Report**  
**November 10, 2024 Board of Overseers Meeting**

**Recent activities and recommendations**

- Risk Management Assessment: Janae Novotny and I accompanied an MMA Risk Management Services representative on an inspection of all NVC properties – vault, wastewater testing and storage building, wharf, floats, sewer pumping stations, library, Community Hall, Bayview Park gazebo and the wastewater treatment plant building. Attached: A copy of the MMA report, status of getting estimates, email from a structural engineer.
- Bayside Arts proposal: Because of MMA Risk Management concerns about Community Hall, maybe we should wait and ask the structural engineer to look at the proposal when she looks at the building.
- MMA Property & Casualty Pool Risk Reduction Grant Program: NVC awarded \$1,544.32 to purchase a portable generator. This is a reimbursement grant we must use before October 1, 2025.

**Parks**

- Mowing has ended for the season and the contractor will be starting fall clean up, such as raking up leaves. I also plan to have them to clean leaves out of ditches and trim some bushes back from roads.

**Wharf and floats**

- Wharf: The materials arrived and Dallas Fields Dive Service has started on the wharf repairs. Right now, the tides are not cooperating, so the work will be sporadic until the tide situation improves, and we have good low tides.
- Floats: All floats and ramps are out of the water for the winter.
- Small watercraft area: A few kayaks remain at the bottom of Ruggles Park. The aluminum stairs have been removed from the seawall and placed up on the banking.

**Miscellaneous**

- A thank you to Steve Kazilionis for painting the Community Hall downstairs front door.
- I have been working with Pinkerton to fix some recent trash collection issues.
- Many construction projects continue in the village. For example, work continues on a number of cottages on Broadway, North Avenue, the corner of George and Griffin, Main and George; George Street, Main Street, Bay Street, Cobe Road and Shore Road, and a new house is planned next to the golf course.
- All village lighting, except streetlights, have been converted to LED. Exploring what is involved in changing over the streetlights.
- 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.

- 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 projects/needs 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.
- Sander and plow: We should plan to replace sander in 3 years. Plow should be replaced sooner.
- Community Hall: We appear to be missing some of our wood/metal tables and a couple of plastic tables have been “donated.” Some of the tables are really showing age and wear and need to be replaced.
- Portable PA system: We need a new system for NVC outside events. (Bayside Arts allows us to use their new system inside the hall.)
- Parks/Trees: We need to budget for regular pruning of river birch tree by the library and the junipers around the basketball court.

### **Roads**

- Recently did some minor pothole and road repairs on village roads.
- 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.

### **Utilities**

- Busy with Dig Safe requests.
- Busy finishing seasonal water disconnections.
- Busy with annual fire hydrant inspections and flushing out hydrants to prevent freezing during winter months.
- Working with Dirigo Engineering to locate all sewer manholes, pull covers and inspect them.
- Still working on installation of at least 3 new water services – a new house planned next to the golf course, a house on Crest Street and the last house in Bayside on Shore Road.
- Finally finished hours of meetings with the lead & copper service line inventory folks to complete the digital inventory of service line materials that the EPA requires.

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