

**Northport Village Corporation  
Village Agent Report  
October 13, 2024 Board of Overseers Meeting**

**Recent activities and recommendations**

- Explanation of extra \$261.25 charge from Pinkerton & Sons above the contract amount: The week of July 4, the dumpsters at the Town Transfer Station were all full. Pinkerton had to haul our trash to the landfill and pay the tonnage fee charged by the landfill. Pinkerton did not charge us travel/mileage, just the tonnage fee they had to pay to unload our trash.
- Thank you to Beverly Crofoot – the refurbished signs on Community Hall, the Library and the “Welcome to Bayside” sign have been reinstalled. She would like permission to paint the willow tree stump at the library. She has been in touch with Jen Lannan, who does the children’s story time at the library, and they think that children’s imaginations would be sparked by some sort of whimsical painting on the stump.

**Recommendation: Approve Beverly Crofoot’s request to paint the library willow tree stump, at no cost to the NVC.**

- Request from Paul and Claudia Andrews, 6 Bay Street to unload on the NVC road right-of-way where he parks his car rocks needed to finish his seawall project. Remember that the Andrews had to build an entirely new seawall as part of the Bay Street property owners seawall work earlier this year. More rocks need to be added to complete the project. (He is using a different contractor to finish the project.). He wants to unload the rocks where he parks his car in the NVC road right-of-way. Our only concern is potential damage to the sewer and water lines under the road in that area. The steps Mr. Andrews plans to take – special matting, etc. – should prevent any damage. Chuck Applebee recommends requesting a \$5,000 deposit against any damage to the utilities and an agreement that Mr. Andrews will have to pay the actual costs of repairs to utilities property if they are more than that.

**Recommendation: That the Board approve a license and indemnification agreement with Paul and Claudia Andrews, 6 Bay Street (Tax Map U-5, Lot 123), for access to NVC property for completion of a seawall, subject to the NVC standard conditions and a \$5,000 deposit.**

- Shore to Bluff footpath: We got the “go ahead” from the Town to install a culvert at the Shore Road end of the Shore to Bluff footpath. Sometime after October 15 is the earliest I will be able to put it in. Signs have been purchased and installed for the path. I hauled away brush from the Bluff Road entrance. Craig Brigham has donated several flat stones that we can install as steps up the embankment when the culvert is installed.
- Risk Management Assessment: Janae Novotny and I accompanied an MMA Risk Management Services representative on an inspection of all NVC properties – vault, waste water testing and storage building, wharf, floats, sewer pumping stations, library, Community Hall, Bayview Park gazebo and the wastewater treatment plant building. I am still getting estimates for some of the recommendations and should be able to report back in November.

## Parks

- Bayview and Merithew Square Parks: Personal property continues to be left in the parks or leaning up against fencing when not in use - bikes, plastic chairs and a bench, volleyball net left on a bench, etc.
- Ruggles Park: Junipers for basketball court area and river birch for the library grounds have been planted. We need to budget for regular pruning to keep the river birch from blocking the Welcome to Bayside sign as it grows.

## Wharf, floats.

- Dock Building: A big thank you to Steve Kazilionis who did all of the prep work and organized volunteers to paint the dock building. NVC provided the supplies, but Steve and his volunteer painting crew—Gordon Fuller, Janae Novotny, Jim Facey, Jim Ross, Don Webster and Dave Leaming—did all of the work.
- Floats: Scheduled to come out of the water after October 14, Indigenous Peoples' Day. All dinghies must be off of the boat float and out float no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 14.
- Small watercraft: Seem to be a large number of kayaks and paddleboards stored at the bottom of Ruggles Park for so late in the season.

## Miscellaneous

- I expect a busy fall and spring for construction project in the village. For example, work continues on two cottages on Broadway and one on North Avenue; a new house is planned next to the golf course and a cottage on Main Street will be moved to an adjoining property and a foundation poured.
- All village lighting, except streetlights, have been converted to LED. Am 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.)

### **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**

- 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.
- The EPA requires water systems to prepare and maintain an inventory of service line materials. Initial inventories are required to be submitted to state primacy agencies this month. I am still meeting with the lead & copper service line inventory folks to provide plans and documents for the digital inventory.
- Starting to prepare for October 15 seasonal water disconnections.

Submitted by Bill Paige, Village Agent.