

**Northport Village Corporation  
Village Agent Report  
September 10, 2023 Board of Overseers Meeting**

**Parks**

- Bayview Park: Hauled away piles of dead wood sitting in the park, removed stumps and hauled away brush cut by Parks and Trees Committee volunteers.
- Ruggles Park playground. Playground needs more chips – in addition to what we recently put down. The cedar chips used on the playground are made in Canada. Not practical to buy them directly; we must purchase through a 3<sup>rd</sup> party. Need to fill areas under swings with crusher rock.
- Bottom of Ruggles Park: New catch basin that ties into the one further down has been installed. Seems to be working as it should.
- Ruggles Park: Looking into removing rotten stumps at some point in the future.
- Bayview Park and Auditorium Park: We lost some shoreline embankment at the bottom of these parks. Will need to have a soils engineer assess possible stabilization. See Infrastructure Committee report and grant application activities.
- 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.

**Wharf, floats and Ruggles Park seawall**

- Annual wharf inspection by a marine engineer was done and the report given to Prock Marine to provide a cost estimate for needed repairs. Unless storm damage forces an earlier replacement, 2 pilings will need to be replaced eventually. If the building does not need to be moved, today's estimate to replace them is about \$30,000.
- Signage: Signage regarding swimming safety ordered; still waiting. Temporary signs posted. Boat float and fishing signs being worked on.
- Light on end of dock: The light is flickering on and off and probably needs to be replaced. Still waiting for the electrician.
- Dock Building: Looking tired. Needs scraping and new paint. Rob Sherman and Jason Lundy replaced rotten trim board at the roofline and scraped and painted the roofline trim. Gordon Fuller may be able to recruit volunteers if NVC supplies the paint.

**Roads**

- Pleasant Street: Budgeted Pleasant Street repair work has been completed.
- General road maintenance: Planned maintenance has been completed. We'll see what October brings. Rented a roller to compact the regraded streets and they have held up so well in recent rainstorms that we plan to do it again next year.
- 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

- **Needed electrical work:** Received the following estimates for needed electrical work:
  - Maintenance building: \$1300.61
  - Lab/water shed: \$954.76
  - Community Hall (meeting room, office and hallway): \$1350.08
  - Community Hall (upstairs stage area-to install proper wiring for fans added by Bayside Arts): \$936.18

If 2023 funds are available later in the year, request that the maintenance building electrical work be approved so that I will have light for maintenance work needed this fall and winter. The remaining work should be in the 2024 budget.

- Fence around the fire pond: 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. First estimate about \$20,000. I’m looking for another estimate.
- Fire hydrants: We are installing two new hydrants in September or October.
- Truck and sander: Sander has been repaired. I have ordered new blades for the snowplow (estimate \$800), and the plow will be serviced when the new blades arrive and are installed. Blades are backordered.
- 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.
- Cradle Row: Still waiting for Overseers’ decision for a plan, money and new signage for planned future Cradle Row/Grove Street use.
  - If Cradle Row will continue to be used for parking, we need to prune trees. A villager recently notified us that a falling tree limb damaged their car when it was parked in Cradle Row.
  - Parking: Well used for parking throughout the summer.

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

- **Inshore mooring block for the boat float:** The block will be replaced this season. It has been ordered; waiting for delivery. Rough estimate of replacement cost is \$3500. Inboard chain broke on boat float, and Scott Munroe repaired it.
- **Floats replacement:** It is still time to begin setting aside and saving money to replace the floats; they are starting to show their age.

### Other Activities .

- Talking with the new lawn-mowing contractor about trimming back the sides of Village roads and giving us an estimate for shoveling and plowing for Community Hall and the utility buildings this winter.
- Beginning to work with plumbers getting water services turned off.

- Seasonal water shut off issues: Seasonal water shut off starts Oct 15 and all seasonal water needs to be off by Nov 1.
- Shutting off the water at the street (Village property/equipment) is prohibited unless authorized by Village Agent. Only the Village turns water on/off at the street.
- Everything from the Village shut off at the street to the house and under/in the house is the homeowner's responsibility. The homeowner arranges with a plumber to drain the house, remove the water meter in or under the house and return the water meter to the Village for winter storage.
- The water meters belong to the Water Department. The Village collects and stores them for the winter.
- Seasonal water turn on for seasonal cottages begins May 1.

Submitted by Bill Paige, Village Agent.