

Northport Village Corporation
Village Agent Report to the Board of Overseers
August 2026

Recent activities

- Perrin and Aiden, our two lifeguards covering July are done for the season, and Danielle Hicock started August 3.

Recent microburst

- After I received an alert, I drove down to the dock and told Aiden to get everyone out of the water. Then I headed to the fire station. Northport was responding to calls about injured people. Tree limbs, trees, chairs, etc. were flying on Route 1. Sheriff and Northport responded to call about a family of paddleboarders in the water off Bayside. At the dock, no one could see the family. Jim Coughlin found them on a boat in the anchorage and initially brought in two children, who were pretty shaken up.
- Then concentrated on downed trees and power lines. Coned off downed trees and power lines on Broadway, George Street and Broadway. Worked with CMP to open roads they needed to get to downed lines. Folks ignored warnings and drove and walked over downed live power lines.
- When I called Matt Brown, he left an active worksite to bring his equipment down to clean up village roads. Also cleaned up some town roads rather than wait for the road commissioner who was dealing with roads throughout the town. Hauled away 6-wheeler loads of downed debris. Village volunteers cleared away and piled up the tree debris blocking the road in Ruggles Park and debris in Auditorium Park that we hauled away. Coned off a semi-uprooted tree in Auditorium that later fell over completely. We had most everything cleaned up by the next day.
- Vicky M. contacted Grant's Tree to take care of the ash trees in Ruggles Park.
- My phone blew up during the day, and I couldn't respond to everyone who called – too much to do. Also had calls about downed trees on private property.
- Throughout the day, monitored the wastewater treatment plant and pump stations to make sure the generators were working. On the water side, we couldn't get into the vault on Route 1 for 3 days because of downed power lines, so we lost 3 days of recorder data.

Wharf and floats

- Scott Munroe says that he will finish piling repairs (a small, nuisance job for most contractors).
- Pigeons: The bird deterrent on the dock house came down during the microburst and has been replaced. The pigeons continue to create a mess on the dock, and I am looking at more ways to deter them.
- Wharf and Float Maintenance: Scheduling any needed repairs for the wharf and float.

Roads

- All planned road work has been completed for the season.
- The summer problem of people who walk and run in the middle of the road and don't yield to traffic is here.

- Freshened up “no parking” stenciling and add a few more on Sea Street. I still have a few areas to stencil, and I have a new “Do Not Enter” sign for the bottom of Ruggles Park road.

Utilities

- Arranged for delivery of loam for plantings around the wastewater treatment plant. Received an estimate of \$6,000 to build permanent stairs and a landing to the generator.
- Weekly trips to the wastewater lab in Wiscasset.
- Dig Safe requests are ongoing.
- Looking at scheduling sewer and water maintenance projects for 2026 and working on budgeting for future utilities projects in 2027.

Miscellaneous

- I met with Town Administrator James Kossuth and Town fundraising committee members and again with James and Janae Novotny regarding the Town’s event in Ruggles Park on August 2. I continue to talk with James on a regular basis about items that impact the village.
- 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 project/needs with future budget implications

- Potential need to plow more streets: 32 West Street is being winterized. If the owners use it year-round, we will need to plow West Street. Potential requests for road plowing in areas we have not plowed will present practical problems.
- Sander: We are planning to replace sander for winter 2028.
- Community Hall: We are missing several of our wood/metal tables and a few black folding chairs. A couple of plastic tables have been “donated.” Our tables are really showing age and wear and need to be replaced.
- MMA Risk Management recommendations: I have finished getting estimates for this list and forwarded the estimates to the Budget Workshop; work on these items will begin in 2027.
- Roads/storm drainage: Area in front of mailboxes at Merithew Square to North Ave and down North Ave to the new hot top needs to be hot-topped, and another storm added. The project needs to be engineered to decide how to handle storm runoff. Lower Clinton Avenue from Merithew Square down needs curbing or storm drain to handle water that is currently washing out the embankment at the bottom of the street. This project is related to the potential Auditorium Park shoreline stabilization project. The Town applied for a grant to study storm water drainage issues throughout the Town, and this area is part of the proposed study.

Respectfully submitted,
William Paige, Village Agent