

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

Recent activities

- Swim float: The contract has been finalized for the building of the new swim float by Dark Harbor Boat Yard.
- Memorial Benches: Just as a note, I have been looking into how many memorial benches we have in the Village. As on February 4th, 2026 we have 28 memorial benches.
- Winter roads: Sanding and plowing season continues. Weather conditions required me to plow through the day and night at times. I plow the following: Rogers Lane; Oak Street; Upper Maple Street; short part of Bay Street into Bayview Park; North Street; lower Clinton; Merithew Square Parking area when vehicles are out of the way; all Utilities buildings, including pump stations, area around the wastewater treatment building, Community Hall; clean up in front of the fire hydrants. I occasionally plow part of Grove Street/Cradle Row to make extra parking because Merithew Square parking is usually full and additional parking room is needed to get cars off the streets. I also frequently try to clean up the piles of snow left at the street corners by the Town plows, so drivers' views are not so blocked. All other streets and roads are plowed and sanded by the Town's contractor.

Residents should understand some weather conditions will mean that the roads are icy in spite of plowing or the roads shouldn't be plowed until conditions change. We have had weather that starts with snow, followed by frozen rain/sleet, followed by rain and then very cold temperatures. In those conditions, the sand/salt mixture melts right through the plowed dirt road surface and does not stay on the surface, so the road surface is like glass. Dirt roads can be oversanded, which thaws the ground so that the plow digs up the road. Also, North Avenue and lower Clinton "crown," and the plow cannot reach parts of the road.

- Winter trash pickup: The office has been dealing with angry residents upset that their trash was not picked up as scheduled. In some cases, the customer is a normal summer resident who has not previously used their Bayside house in the winter, and no one lives on their part of the road during the winter. We and the contractor's drivers do not know that for two specific weeks, there will be trash to be picked up on a normally unoccupied stretch of road. In other cases, residents need to understand that winter storms and dangerous road conditions may prevent the contractor from collecting trash as scheduled and will throw off the schedule for all of the contractor's customers. Residents that live on private roads and do not put trash out on a regular basis, causes the contractor to think there is no one living there in the winter and does not drive all the way down the private road just to check and find no trash. The contractor stops this practice of checking after a few times finding no trash.
- MMA Risk Management repair list: Still waiting for an estimate for the Community Hall upstairs back entrance steps and ramp.

Wharf and floats

- Wharf: I now don't expect to hear from Scott Munroe until spring about finishing piling repairs (a small, nuisance job for most contractors). Scott Munroe is looking into ways to implement the marine engineer's recommendation to paint the fender pilings to protect the fiberglass.
- Boat float: A boat float skid will need to be repaired in the spring.
- Wharf and Float Maintenance: Looking into scheduling repairs for 2026 for wharf and floats. Also looking at budgeting for 2027 repairs.

Utilities

- Utility billing: We still have 8 customers that have not paid their utility bills from July 2025 to November 2025, that were invoiced in November 2025.
- I have been looking and found a water leak on lower Maple St which needs to be repaired in the future.
- Weekly trips to the wastewater lab in Wiscasset. Sometimes there are extra trips due to holidays and retests.
- Dig Safe requests are ongoing.
- Working on reviewing and organizing older Utility information, files, maps and other.
- Looking at scheduling sewer and water maintenance projects for 2026 and working on budgeting for future projects in 2027.

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.
- Working on scheduling road work for 2026 and working on road projects for budgeting purposes for 2027.

Miscellaneous

- I continue to talk or meet with Town Administrator James Kossuth on a regular basis about items that impact the village. The Town Administrator, James Kossuth has told me the Town of Northport sent out on January 30th, 2026, to all the abutters of Bayview Park, the Stabilization Project, regarding the plans and cross sections of the project.
- 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. The potential buyers of 2 Bayview

Park plan to winterize the cottage. Plowing all the way across the park presents logistical problems.

- Sander: We are planning to replace sander in 3 years.
- Community Hall: We are missing some of our wood/metal tables and 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 continue to get estimates and schedule work that can be accommodated in the current budget.
- 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.

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