

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

Recent activities

- In the spring, I always focus on getting the Village parks, roads and buildings ready for the July 4th holiday and the beginning of a busy summer. All the major projects I planned were finished by the 4th.
- I met with Perrin and Aiden, our two lifeguards covering July and went over dock rules and expectations.
- Spoke to our trash/recycling contractor about missed pickups.
- Now that the village population has increased, I field typical complaints about barking dogs and noisy children.
- Worked with the lawns crew on a couple of projects.
- At Vicky Matthew's request, schedule the removal of a dead tree in Bayview Park.
- Arranged for delivery of soil for the Parks & Trees Committee volunteers doing planting around the Wastewater Treatment Plant building.
- Working with an electrician to figure out why one of the breakers upstairs keeps kicking off.
- Organizing repair of park benches. Plan to move the benches at the very bottom of Auditorium Park because the shoreline edge of the park is slowly sinking.

Wharf and floats

- Swim float: The two fairly new ladders from the old swim have been installed. We thought maybe the new ladder would not work out as needed, but we gave it a chance.
- The marine engineer who annually inspects the wharf after the floats are in has completed his inspection and it appears that the wharf is in very good condition.
- Scott Munroe says that he will finish piling repairs (a small, nuisance job for most contractors).
- A bird deterrent has been installed on the dock house to deter seagulls and other birds.
- 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.
- Consulting with the Safety Chair, I plan to freshen come "no parking" stenciling and add a few more on Sea Street. I will also talk to the contractor working on Sea Street. His trailer and the workers' personal vehicles create a parking problem on Sea Street because residents have no place to park on that section of Sea. At one point, cars parked on both sides of the street blocked the street for any large truck or emergency vehicle.

Utilities

- Moore's Septic pumped out the tanks on Friday, June 26th.
- I'm busy reading water meters for the next trimester billing.

- Following up on concerns about possible water leaks. Dealing with a leak Blaisdale park.
- Weekly trips to the wastewater lab in Wiscasset. Sometimes there are extra trips due to holidays and retests.
- 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 a couple of times. We talk 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 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 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,
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