

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

Recommendation:

Recommend authorization to spend up to \$6,000 for the deconstruction, removal and disposal of the old swim float.

Recent activities

- Water, water, water! I have been very busy meeting plumbers and turning on seasonal water. Trying to finish the water meters so I can move on to normal spring work.
- I have been looking at prices, getting ready to order replacements for expiring accessories for the AEDs. I will be ordering those shortly.
- Started some road maintenance work around the village, as weather has permitted.
- Our lawn and grounds contractor has started work. I'm looking to purchase some good loam to spread and plant grass seed needed in Bayview Park.
- MMA Risk Management repair list: I have finished getting estimates for this list and I have forwarded the estimates to the 2027 Budget Workshop.

Wharf and floats

- This month: I have instructed Scott Munroe to have all NVC floats in the water and hooked up by Memorial Day weekend, weather permitting. In the past, Scott put the boat float in first, moored the swim float and hooked it up later, which creates more work.
- Our marine engineer inspects the wharf after the floats are in. He usually comes in June.
- Wharf: Expect to hear from Scott Munroe soon 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 needs to be repaired now unless the Board includes a new boat float in the 2027 budget.
- Wharf and Float Maintenance: Looking into scheduling repairs for the wharf and float. Also looking at budgeting for 2027 repairs.

Utilities

- Utility billing: 44 water customers and 37 sewer customer have not paid bills that were invoiced in March 2025; May 18 is the shut off date for customers that still have not paid their bills. The unpaid bills amount to a total of over \$25,000. Late payments generate a lot of work for staff. We are required to provide 14 day's notice of service disconnection. Amy must be in the office on the day I disconnect service, so customers actually have a lot more than 14 days notice. Before disconnecting service, if we have a record of a phone number, I also try to call customers.
- Completed the 2" water line repair in Ruggles Park and now waiting for the hot top repair on the road and the public walkway between 3 and 5 Park Row, which has been delayed by the weather.

- Working on a new water line on Oak Street.
- Weekly trips to the wastewater lab in Wiscasset. Sometimes there are extra trips due to holidays and retests.
- Dig Safe requests are ongoing.
- Still reviewing and organizing older Utility information, files, maps and other documents as we move NVC files from under the stage to new storage on the office level.
- Looking at scheduling sewer and water maintenance projects for 2026 and working on budgeting for future projects in 2027.

Roads

- 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.
- 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. New owners of 2 Bayview Park and have inquired about winter water. 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. I have found costs of replacements and will make a related recommendation for the 2027 budget.
- MMA Risk Management recommendations: I have finished getting estimates for this list and I have forwarded the estimates to the Budget Workshop.
- 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.

Submitted by William Paige, Village Agent