

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

Recent activities

- I want to thank the Board for my vacation week. Carla and I enjoyed our vacation.
- Worked on the boat float bid packet for Board approval.
- Bottom of Ruggles Park: our grounds crew finished the bamboo/knotweed clean up started by Parks and Trees volunteers and hauled off everything. We plan to put down black fabric, jute mat with grass seed and loam to grow grass that our grounds crew can maintain.
- Stable Row: John Woolsey cut back a lot of bushes, weeds, etc., and the grounds crew will finish cleaning up and clearing out Stable Row so we can plant and maintain grass.
- Fire pond: working with grounds crew on a plan to clear out the cat-o-nine tails.

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

- Planning road preparation work needed for winter and plowing. Beginning to cut back tree limbs and brush along our roads and finish the project started last fall.
- Also planning to clean out leaves in the culverts this fall.
- We haven't been billed yet by the Town for our share of storm drain clean-out. Last year it was about \$6,000.
- Freshened up "no parking" stenciling and add a few more on Sea Street. I still have a few areas to stencil "no parking", and I need to install the "Do Not Enter" sign at the bottom of Park Row.

Utilities

- Working with the Office Manager to understand questions about grants received by utilities.
- Planning work to fix a drainage issue behind the Shore Road pump station. We will need to dig out the ditch behind the pump station and line with rocks this fall.
- Still actively looking for the water leak. An RCAP consultant from Houlton came down and worked with me. We have determined that the leak is in a section of pipe under the road next to the basketball court. The pipe is 8 feet underground and runs from the bottom of Maple across Broadway and down to the wastewater treatment plant. We are developing plans to address this problem.
- The 3 small pump stations on private properties on Shore Road have been giving weird readings, and I'm working with Ferne to find the problem.
- Scheduled the annual calibration and certification of our lab equipment.

- The annual parade of folks asking to keep their seasonal water on later has begun.
- Dealing with new or changed water services on Summit Road, Bluff Road and Shore Road.
- 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 continue to talk with 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. 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