

**Northport Village Corporation
Board of Overseers
Minutes of Meeting: April 10, 2005**

At 10:00 AM on April 10, 2005, President Huntoon convened the meeting of the Northport Village Corporation Board of Overseers in the Community Hall meeting room with Overseers Brockway, Crofoot, Spollett, Robbins, Metcalf, Allen, Treasurer Sheffield and Clerk Lagner present. Also attending were Karen Hoedtke, Manager Paige, and several residents, including a new Village resident Lee Houghton.

The minutes of the March 13 meeting were approved by motion of Metcalf, seconded by Robbins.

The treasurer's report was accepted as follows:

Cash on Hand	
General Government	
Checking	\$85,285.07
Community Hall	876.29
Petty Cash	<u>32.88</u>
Total	\$86,194.24
Water Department	
Checking	\$44,106.97
Petty Cash	<u>30.72</u>
Total	\$44,137.69
Sewer Department	
Checking	\$7,741.24
Petty Cash	<u>36.37</u>
Total	\$7,777.61

Hoedtke has reconciled the taxes receivable with the town's records, which show a total of about \$7,800 outstanding.

Sheffield presented the suggestion that double signatures might be advisable on some checks. This will be discussed at the September organizational meeting of the new Board.

Manager Paige:

Some bolts have worked loose on the wharf. Repair is scheduled with Scott Monroe.

Recent storms have caused a lot of road washing, due to clogged storm drains, which should be cleaned out before another heavy rain hits. After discussion, it was decided that Hoedtke and Brockway will write a letter to Road Commissioner Bill Magruder, including photos and a 14-day window (from the date of mailing the letter) for making the repairs. If the problem has not been corrected within that time frame, a letter will be sent to the Northport Selectpersons. It was also suggested that a shared preventive maintenance program be set up to avoid this problem in the future. An additional problem is that some of the paved streets are not graded to lead excessive run-off into the storm drains.

Visitor's Concerns:

Lee Houghton was introduced as a new owner.

Bill Cressey: asked that the lower Bayview Park drainage problem be corrected. This work cannot be done until after May 1.

Safety:

A life guard, Shelley Munson, has been hired for this coming season.

Dick Brockway has volunteered to make the sign for Bayview Park as required by 911 laws.

A location for parking the police car during the summer was discussed. Overseer Allen will ask fire chief Mike Allen if the firehouse might be used.

Facilities:

Gordon Fuller reported on progress on the new boat float design. It has been suggested that it be built longer by 10'. The club members have proposed that the out-float be hooked onto the boat float as a trial this summer. Design and construction bids will be sought.

Clerk Report:

The general information document has been revised, and will be edited/published by Karen. Any suggestions for changes should be sent to her.

MBNA has awarded the Village grant money to purchase a fire-proof filing cabinet for the archives.

The letter requesting an article in the Town of Northport's warrant for their annual meeting, asking for \$27,500 to be raised for the Village, was sent on March 17.

Utilities

1. The I & I flow was high, which may mean there is a new source. Solutions are being investigated.
2. The pump station repairs are about 1/2 done, which solves most of the pressing problems.
3. A letter from Karen Hefler at the MDEP agrees with Woodard & Curran's revised plan to upgrade the existing primary plant, construct a new outfall, and continue with I & I removal. They realize that NVC could not afford to build and maintain a secondary treatment plant.
4. Dick McElhaney sat for his water operator license on April 5. Results pending.
5. Maine Rural Water will assist in the preparation of documents requesting a water rate increase.
6. Thanks were given to the Brockways who have donated a monitor, and a plan to upgrade a computer.

7. The contract with Lynch will expire on July 1. Any problems related to their work must be reported immediately to the USDA and Lynch.

New Business

1. Long term resident Al Keith died. Metcalf moved, seconded by Brockway, to donate \$100 to the Maine Veterans' Home in his name. **Voted.**
2. Moderator of annual meeting: The lawyer has informed us that the moderator must be a legal resident of the State of Maine. This requirement will be included when the request for nominations is sent out.
3. A letter was read from the owner of 1 Clinton Street, who requested payment for a plowing bill she incurred when she was unable to drive out after a winter snow storm due to the road condition. The oil truck also had not been able to reach the residence. Crofoot moved, seconded by Spollett, to pay the \$150 plowing bill. Metcalf asked that a letter be sent explaining to her that this is a one-time payment. Paige said that she had been warned that Clinton Street was almost impossible to plow in serious snow conditions, and asked her to remove her vehicle to the parking in Merithew Square. Spollett will respond to her letter. Further investigation into the Village's responsibilities in such a case is pending.
4. The following motion was made, seconded, and **voted**: approve an amount up to \$400.00 to mow the park lawns prior to the next meeting of the Overseers.

A site visit was made to Gordon Fuller's property to look into the walkway problem. After a review of the site, the Overseers determined that more information was needed and asked that Bruce Smith be contacted to determine if there was any information indicating that some of the walkway might be on his property.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

Eleanor Lagner, Clerk