

MINUTES
Overseers Meeting
February 14, 2010

Present:

President: Josiah Huntoon
Tree Warden: Jane Phillips
Office Manager: Paul Bartels
Village Agent Assistant: Bill E. Paige

Overseers: Marge Brockway
Ned Lightner
Denis Wang
Judy Metcalf
Lee Houghton
Maureen Stalla

Visitor: Dick Brockway.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Huntoon. A moment of silence was observed by the board in memory of Peter Allen.

Finance:

Warrants were circulated.

Bill Cressey gave a report on the Rural Development Grant / Loan being pursued by NVC for sewer improvements. \$600,000 is being sought to replace the sewer outflow pipe and a septic tank at the sewer treatment plant. The sense he got from speaking with Dick is that RD would probably approve a 75 / 25 split (75% grant and 25% loan). Although RD will want to review our financial statements before deciding on the split. This would mean that the Village would have to secure a \$150,000 loan for the project. Jo had prepared a sheet showing possible payments for rates ranging from 3.25% to 5.50%, with a 20 year term, payment range from \$10,316.83 to \$12,551.90 per year. [After the meeting Dick clarified that the RD loan will be for 30 years with a payment more like \$7,000 annually.] In the process NVC will have to obtain a bridge loan until the RD loan is finalized. Bangor savings bank will probably set it up as a line of credit type of loan so that NVC would only pay for the money actually used. The Bridge loan payments would only be for interest during that period.

Lee Houghton raised a concern that we would be using all our reserves in the sewer department and would not have funds for an emergency. Judy Metcalf assured him that we have been planning for this for a long time. She also emphasized that the sewer outfall pipe is ancient and that we could have that emergency involving the outfall pipe any day, and not have the funds to deal with it. It was also noted that with a favorable combination of loan and grant, as anticipated, it will be most advantageous for NVC to pursue this option at this time. We do not want to lose this opportunity to get this important work done with partial funding from an outside source.

Bill Cressey said that Dirigo Engineering has been engaged to do the preliminary engineering work. Cressey asked that the overseers give approval for him and President Jo Huntoon to submit an application for the \$150,000 bridge loan.

Judy Metcalf made the following motion:

“Pursuant to the approval of the Village at their annual meeting of 2005 authorizing the Village and pursuant to the consent agreement with DEP to improve the wastewater treatment plant including the outfall pipe, I move to authorize the Treasurer and, when necessary, the President, to apply for and execute any loan documents in anticipation of a Rural Development Grant / Loan for that purpose, up to \$150,000 for a term of three years with Bangor Savings Bank.”

Seconded by Denis Wang – **Voted: unanimous.**

Minutes:

Marge Brockway moved that the January 10, 2010 minutes be approved seconded by Denis Wang – **Voted: unanimous.**

Village Agent:

Assistant Bill E. Paige said that his father is feeling much better since he transferred to a Portland hospital. He reported no major washouts following the heavy rainstorm we had. It appears that the runoff improvements are working.

Maureen Stalla addressed the ice on Bay Street issue with the Town at their meeting. Ned Lightner at a following Town meeting reported that they would take care of it. They pointed out that there was a PVC pipe coming out of the ground near the location which may be contributing to water. Bill E. Paige said that the end of Oak Street was always wet and that he would try to find where the pipe is coming from.

The Town of Northport sent its condolences for Peter Allen.

Visitors Concerns: - None.

Communications: - Previously reported.

Facilities: - No Report

Safety:

Ned Lightner said that he has Michelle Nealey and her brother lined up for June 25th. The contract for the police was reviewed, he told the police to resume on June 26th. Jo Huntoon pointed out that we need police coverage at the wharf on Prom night and Graduation.

Ned Lightner brought up an issue about the police officers paying for a radar gun and not getting reimbursed for it. Jo Huntoon told Ned to get the police officers to the April Overseers meeting.

Jane Phillips complained about trucks speeding on Shore Road early morning and evening. She suggested that when the police start again that they should focus on this area. Ned Lightner wants to put a sign up stating Heavily Settled Area at the beginning of Bayside.

Surface Runoff: - No Report

Tree Warden:

Jane Phillips reported that the pruning and branch removal has been mostly done.

Ned Lightner reported that the bench dedicated to Allan and Dotty Lightner needs to be rebuilt and said the Lightner family would like to rebuild the bench. He sought suggestions on what materials to use and Judy Metcalf suggested cedar. She also expressed gratitude to the Lightner's offer and all the Overseers were in agreement.

Town Liaison:

Maureen Stalla reported that the Town was very happy with our involvement in the parking problem at the golf course when it snows.

Utilities:

Judy Metcalf reported once again the sewer system was fully compliant with all license requirements.

Waterfront Improvement:

Jo Huntoon reported that the contract is signed and work will begin as soon as the stone quarry opens. Target completion date is May 31, 2010

Future Meetings:

Overseers Meeting: March 14, 2010 9:00 AM.

Executive Session:

Judy Metcalf moved to go into executive session at 9:52 AM **Voted: unanimous.**
10:00 reconvened.

Adjourn:

Judy Metcalf moved to adjourn at 10:01 a.m., seconded by Denis Wang – **Voted all in favor.**

Respectfully submitted by Paul E. Bartels