

Clerk's Report of the Annual Meeting  
of the Northport Village Corporation

Annual Meeting  
August 14, 2007

The Annual Meeting of the Northport Village Corporation was held on Tuesday, August 14, 2007, at 6:30 PM in the Bayside Community Hall with approximately 62 voters present. The Clerk opened the meeting by reading the Call and Return on the Warrant. The meeting had been posted on five locations within the Village, and in the newspapers. The Warrant and Clerk's Report of the Annual Meeting, 2006, had been included in the Annual Report which was published more than two weeks before the meeting.

The meeting opened with a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Article 1: J. Timothy Samway was elected Moderator of the meeting and sworn in by Elizabeth Wilson, Clerk. In his opening remarks, Samway introduced the officers of the Village Corporation, members of the Board of Overseers, and Police Chief Sal DeMeo, who then introduced his wife Joan DeMeo, also a police officer in the Village. Stephen Wright spoke for the Junior Yacht Club, asking for donations of food for the Town of Northport food pantry. Samway then reviewed the rules for eligibility to vote and his rules for conduct of the meeting.

Article 2: President's Report.

President Josiah Huntoon explained Articles 4 & 5 of the warrant Article 4 will be addressing the exceptional work needed for the Wharf, Roads and Water Front due to that storm we recently experienced. He also explained that we will only be using this loan as needed and not all at once. Article 5 will be addressing the much needed upgrade of the Sewer system. Again it will only be used as needed. He also pointed out that Sewer had budgeted \$30,000 for repairs last year, and one repair on North Ave is estimated at \$100,000.

Article 3: Treasurer's Report.

Julian Sheffield distributed her reports and copies of the NVC Audit. Sheffield gave a detailed description of what her duties as Treasurer are. She then outlined the duties of the Office Manager and Bill Cressey, Chairman of the Finance Committee to show how we have a system of checks and balances. Sheffield then explained aspects of the financial report and the recommended budget.

Article 4: To see if the Northport Village Corporation will vote to authorize a loan not to exceed \$400,000, which will be used for Village infrastructure. Bill Cressey moved the article ; Judy Metcalf seconded. Cressey gave a description of projects that this will be used for.

After citizen questions and concerns from Mary Rackmales, Patricia Wright, and Lee Houghton, the moderator called for a vote on Article 4; VOTED – Carried by majority.

Article 5: To see if the Northport Village Corporation will vote to authorize a loan not to exceed \$200,000, which will be used for improvements to the Sewer System.

Bill Cressey moved the article , Metcalf seconded. Huntoon explained the history of improvements in the past. David Crofoot, Chair of the Utilities Department, spoke in support of the proposal, noting that as with Article 5, the borrowing allows the completion of projects while not increasing the annual budgeted expenditure for repairs and improvements. Moderator called a vote on Article 5; VOTED – Carried by majority.

Article 6: To see what sums of money the Northport Village Corporation will raise and appropriate for the following accounts for the fiscal year 2008:

Overseers' Proposed Budget

Total Income	\$189,500
Expenses	
General Government	\$64,750
Roads & Storm Drains	21,000
Protection & Safety	23,950
Community	20,500
Debt Service & Repair	19,300
Capitol Projects	<u>40,000</u>
Total Expenses	\$189,500

This money will be raised as follows: \$25,000 to be requested from the Town of Northport on the warrant of its Annual Town Meeting, and the balance to be raised from the Village Tax. If the warrant is not approved by the Town of Northport, the budget will be raised entirely from the Village Tax.

Cressey moved the Article; Seconded by Metcalf. VOTED – Carried by majority.

Article 7: To approve borrowings by the Northport Village Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for working capital purposes. Funds are to be borrowed in anticipation of the 2008 taxes.

Moved by Metcalf, seconded by Cressey; VOTED – Carried by majority.

Article 8: To approve borrowings by the Northport Village Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. Funds are to be used towards replacement of the Community Hall and Wharf as needed, emergency repairs to utilities operated by the Village Corporation, for reconstruction of shoreline damage to property owned by the Northport Village Corporation as a result of a storm, or repair of roads owned by the Corporation.

Moved by Cressey, seconded by Metcalf; VOTED – Carried by majority.

Article 9: To fix a rate of interest on taxes delinquent after November 30, 2007, equal to that charged by the Town of Northport. A voter questioned what we're doing to collect these overdue taxes. Metcalf responded that the Town of Northport collects our taxes for us and they have lien procedures they follow for overdue payments.

Moved by Metcalf ; seconded by Brockway; VOTED – Carried by majority.

Article 10. To approve the proposed new Fire Ordinance. Motion for vote by Metcalf, seconded by Allen. ;Overseer Allen explained the ordinance, the research done in drafting it; the consultation with the Town, and the public hearing in July on the draft ordinance. As a result of public comment, the draft ordinance was rewritten to include a requirement that homeowners obtain a permit for firepits. Substantial public comment, by Jackie Facey; Gibbs; James Facey; Gordon Fuller; Kathy Robbins; Shirley Rand; James Coughlin; Angela Cassidy; and Harry Rosenblum. VOTED – Carried by majority.

Article 11: To approve the proposed Bylaw changes. Moved by Metcalf, seconded by Huntoon. Metcalf gave background for the need to change the Bylaws of 1989. She explained the changes that were made. Citizen Tim Samway asked that the overseers consider a review of charter and bylaws concerning staggered terms for officers and overseers. VOTED – Carried unanimously.

Article 12: To elect the Officers by written ballot.

The Moderator asked Jim Facey of Nominating Committee to present the slate of officers.

President, Josiah Huntoon was elected president of the Village Corporation for the coming year.

Julian Sheffield was elected Treasurer.

Maureen Einstein was elected Clerk, no nominations from the floor.

Article 13: To elect Overseers by written ballot.

Facey presented the Nominating Committee's slate for the office of Overseer as follows:

Peter Allen, Margaret Brockway, Bill Cressey, Linda Houghton, Rick Melone, Judy Metcalf, and Judy Rohweder.

There were no nominations from the floor. Overseers elected to one year term:

Peter Allen, Margaret Brockway, William Cressey; Linda Houghton, Rick Melone; Judy Metcalf, and Judy Rohweder.

Article 14: Reports of Committees.

Pam and Ed Williams were thanked for serving as registrars.

Jane Phillips (tree warden) announced the arborist will be the Village if any citizens have concerns to register with him. As always she is available for any problems relating to trees.

Gordon Fuller, Commodore thanked the Overseers and residents for supporting the efforts of the Yacht Club.

David Crofoot (Utilities) stressed that with the major upgrades, the residents must be prepared to replace their house to sewer connection where needed.

Beverly Crofoot spoke for the Historical Society, reminding people that the *If These Cottages Could Talk* will be on sale soon.

All other committees referred to their reports in the Annual Report 2007 book.

Angela Cassidy, seconded by Joanne Coughlin, moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Elizabeth Wilson, Clerk  
Northport Village Corporation