

CLERKS REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE NORTHPORT VILLAGE CORPORATION

ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2014

The Annual Meeting of the Northport Village Corporation was held on Tuesday, August 12, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bayside Community Hall with approximately 107 voters present. The Clerk opened the meeting by reading the Call and Return on the Warrant. The Annual Warrant had been posted in five locations within the Village, and in the newspapers. The Warrant and Clerk's report of the Annual Meeting, 2013, had been included in the Annual Report which was published more than two weeks before the meeting.

Article 1: To choose a Moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting. Blair Einstein, representing the Nominating Committee, nominated Timothy Samway. There were no nominations from the floor. Timothy Samway was elected Moderator of the Annual Meeting by written ballot.

Samway welcomed everyone to the 99th Annual Meeting of the Northport Village Corporation. He then recognized Judy Metcalf who thanked Bill Cressey, on behalf of the Board, for his great service as Treasurer of the Village Corporation. She said there were two things you could count on him saying in any given meeting... "I don't know" and "I'll get back to you on that." And, he always got back to the Board with the right answer. He is retiring this year as Treasurer of the Village Corporation. Judy Metcalf asked Bill Cressey to lead us in the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Before reading the Rules of Procedure, the Moderator asked that we take a moment of reflection to remember our friends and neighbors who passed away since the last meeting. Voters were asked if there were any names that should be added so that the Clerk can include those names in her report.

Bryan John Bartels
Jody Vlodek Berren
Richard Collins
Ellie Lagner
Joe Lojek
William H. Paige
Priscilla Ryan
Lloyd Stover
Wilbur Hayward

In his opening remarks, Samway introduced the Officers of the Village Corporation, members of the Board of Overseers, and Office Manager for the Village, Paul Bartels.

He then went over the requirements for voter eligibility and read the Rules of Procedure for the meeting. Samway emphasized that this was an open town meeting of the the Northport Village Corporation and not a meeting of the Overseers and the Officers. Samway stated that everyone who is a voter should feel they have the right and the privilege to speak, ask questions, make motions and at any time ask for clarification. The Moderator's job is to make sure all voter's have their say and to be fair in all rulings. Additional reminders are that the Moderator will be the one to Call the Question and will do so after all voters have had their opportunity to speak. The Moderator will also be the one to ask for the Motion to adjourn and do so after the business of this meeting has been completed.

Samway informed the voters that, Sunday, August 17, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. there will be a dedication at the Fire Station on Bluff Road for Bill Paige, Sr. who passed away in October, 2013. Bill was a long time Village Agent, member of the Fire Department as well as Fire Chief. He urged the community to attend this dedication as we honor "Mr. Bayside."

Samway recognized Denis Wang who thanked Maureen O'Keefe who was stepping down as Overseer. As our Village liaison to the Town of Northport with her kind, gentle demeanor, she was instrumental in giving the Village Corporation what they asked for. With great appreciation and admiration he thanked Maureen for her years of service as an Overseer.

Samway asked Gina Cressey to introduce our Village Police Officer, Michael Boucher. Gina stated that Michael shared our philosophy of community policing. The Safety Committee wanted Officer Boucher to enforce speed limits and he said he would always be courteous and considerate when doing so.

Samway thanked Paul Bartels for doing a great job producing this year's Annual Report, Bill Paige and crew for getting the Community Hall ready for the meeting, and Ned Lightner for setting up the sound system.

Article 2: President's Report

President Huntoon, who is stepping down this year, wanted the community to know that every Overseer and Officer does countless work behind the scenes. He introduced each Overseer and Officer and thanked them for their service.

Article 3: Treasurer's Report

Bill Cressey noted that copies of the Annual Report, Audited Financials and some supplementary reports for the year were available for anyone to take on a table at the front door. He noted these reports were also available online, or a paper copy could be obtained from Paul Bartels in the office. His written Treasurer's Report is on page 15 of

this years Annual Report. He noted that on Page 6 of the Annual Report is a Summary Budget and on pages 11-13 a more detailed version of that same Budget. Also, he noted the Articles asking the voters for authority for emergency borrowing on pages 7-9. Finally, the Citizen's Initiative to acquire the land adjacent to the Community Hall on the north side. He stated that the Officers and Overseers' have not taken a position on this initiative as a vote, but he would try to answer any factual questions that may arise when the Article is addressed. He stated we should continue to exercise caution and good judgment regarding major expenditures. Any big project, whether it is funded through borrowing or a tax increase, needs to be carefully evaluated at the cost versus benefit.

In closing Cressey acknowledged persons who had provided assistance to him over the years. His predecessor, Julian Sheffield, who got our finances organized and running smoothly. Staff members who had provided great input into his success: Bill Paige, Sr. & Bill Paige, Jr., Paul Bartels, Dick McElhaney, Kathy Reynolds of Bangor Savings Bank, Dave Shurette and the rest of the auditors at Perdy Powers, Kathy Flynn our Bookkeeper and the Bond Division of Eaton/Peabody in Bangor. Debt and gratitude to Jo Huntoon and all the Overseers, with a special nod to Judy Metcalf and Steve Kazilionis. Cressey stated it had been an honor and a privilege to serve as Treasurer.

Article 4: To see what sums of money the Northport Village Corporation will raise and appropriate for the following accounts for the fiscal year 2015.

OVERSEERS PROPOSED BUDGET

Expenses:

General Government	\$50,500
Roads and Storm Drains	\$15,000
Protection and Safety	\$27,604
Community	\$46,500
Debt Service	\$43,487
Transfer to Sewer	\$ 5,000
Capital Expenditures	<u>\$32,619</u>
Total expenses:	\$220,710
Taken from Reserves	\$ 8,000
Total Funds to be Raised	\$212,710

The money will be raised as follows: \$8,000 will be derived from Miscellaneous Revenues, \$25,000 will be requested from the Town of Northport on the warrant of its Annual Town Meeting, and the balance (\$179,710) is to be raised from the Village Tax. If the warrant is not approved by the Town of Northport, \$204,710 will be raised from the Village Tax.

Steve Kazilionis moved that NVC will raise and appropriate \$212,710 for the fiscal year 2015; seconded by Judy Metcalf.

There were no questions or comments and the Moderator called for a vote on Article 4

VOTED – carried by the majority

Article 5: To see if the Northport Village Corporation will vote to appropriate and authorize a majority of the Overseers of the Corporation to borrow on behalf of the Northport Village Corporation and/or expend funds from accumulated surpluses, a principal amount not to exceed \$185,000 in anticipation of 2015 taxes and to issue and sell for that purpose general obligation bonds or notes of the Northport Village Corporation, the proceeds to be used for the purpose of providing working capital for governmental activities of the Corporation, such bonds and notes to be issued upon such further terms or conditions as may be determined by a majority at least of the overseers of the Northport Village Corporation.

Bill Cressey moved the article; seconded by Steve Flowers.

Bill Cressey explained the Article.

There were no questions or comments and the Moderator called for a vote on Article 5.

VOTED-carried by the majority.

Article 6: To see if the Northport Village Corporation will vote to appropriate and authorize a majority of the overseers of the Corporation to borrow on behalf of the Northport Village Corporation a principal amount not to exceed \$100,000 and to issue and sell for that purpose general obligation bonds or notes of the Northport Village Corporation, and/or expend funds from accumulated surpluses, the proceeds to be used for the purpose of replacement and repair of the Community Hall and Wharf as needed, repairs to utilities operated by the Village Corporation for reconstruction of shoreline damage to property owned by the Northport Corporation or repairs of roads owned by the Corporation, such bonds and notes to be issued upon such further terms or conditions as may be determined by a majority at least of the overseers of the Northport Village Corporation, and further to authorize the overseers to accept and expend federal or state grants, execute any and all contracts and documents and take any and all actions necessary or convenient to issue the bonds or notes of the Northport Village Corporation and accomplish the Project.

Bill Cressey moved the Article; seconded by Lee Houghton.

Bill Cressey explained the Article.

There were no questions or comments and the Moderator called for a vote on Article 6.

VOTED – carried by the majority.

Article 7: To fix a rate of interest on taxes delinquent after November 30, 2014, equal to that charged by the Town of Northport.

Judy Metcalf moved the article; seconded by Steve Flowers.

There were no questions or comments and the Moderator called for a vote on Article 7.

VOTED – carried by the majority.

Article 8: To elect the Officers by written ballot (President, Clerk and Treasurer). The Moderator asked Blair Einstein, representing the Nominating Committee, to present the slate of officers.

President –Denis Wang was nominated. There were no nominations from the floor. Denis Wang was elected President of the Village Corporation for the coming year by written ballot.

Treasurer –Steve Kazilionis was nominated. There were no nominations from the floor. Steve Kazilionis was elected Treasurer for the coming year by written ballot.

Clerk – Maureen Einstein was nominated. There were no nominations from the floor. Maureen Einstein was elected Clerk for the coming year by written ballot.

Article 9: To elect Overseers by written ballot. The Moderator asked Blair Einstein, representing the Nominating Committee, to present the slate of candidates for the seven positions for the office of Overseer. A slate of seven candidates was presented for the office of Overseer as follows: Margaret Brockway, Steve Flowers, Jo Huntoon, Lee Houghton, Judy Metcalf, John Spritz, and John Woolsey. Samway asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor.

Overseers elected to a one year term by written ballot:

Margaret Brockway, Steve Flowers, Lee Houghton, Jo Huntoon,
Judy Metcalf, John Spritz and John Woolsey

Article 10: Reports of Committees. Reports of Committees were in the Annual Report. Samway asked if any of the Overseers would like to add any further information.

Communications: Maureen O’Keefe had nothing to add to her report. However, she stated it had been an honor and a privilege serving as an Overseer.

Utilities: David Crofoot reported that our system continues to do well without violations for volume or quality. He thanked Billy Paige for identifying, locating, and repairing water leaks this year.

Wharfmaster: Gordon Fuller reported that overcrowding and use of inappropriate dinghies continues to be an issue on the dock. The dinghies are larger every year. He encouraged everyone to keep their dinghies in full repair and to remove their dinghy off the main float if they are not using it.. Shortly, the out-float will be available on a first come basis. The lifeguard had asked that a swimming zone be designated. There are two buoys that have been placed to do same. He encouraged boater's to use caution and stay out of the designated swimming area. He said the 75th anniversary Yacht Club celebration was a great success and thanked all the volunteers.

Tree Warden: Jane Phillips added that any decision regarding village trees and plantings shall be with the approval of the Board of Overseers.

Bayside Historical Preservation Society: Joe Reilly reported it had been another good year for the Historical Society. They are excited about the upcoming Centennial. He reported that Billy Paige had given them all the old Bayside Street Signs and Amos Kimball had donated the original record books of the Wesleyan Grove Association from 1848 to 1870's.

Food Pantry: Moderator Samway asked Patti Wright to report on the Food Pantry. She stated that the Food Pantry was extremely grateful for all the support the Bayside Community has given them the past six years. An auction was not held this year but with the help of Sandy Hall, a grant of \$3,000.00 was obtained from Athena Health. Also, Tim Samway had graciously donated Red Sox memorabilia which sold for over \$600.00. Any donations are welcome and can be sent to: P. O. Box 27, Lincolnville, ME 04849.

Centennial Committee: Denis Wang reported that the kick-off celebration held on Sunday, August 3 was well attended. He welcomed anyone's input and participation in the planning and implementing of next year's festivities.

Article 11: To see if the Northport Village Corporation will authorize the Overseers to enter into negotiations for the purchase of the property immediately adjacent to the north of the Community Hall (Tax Map U6, Lot 36) and if such negotiations result in an agreement, then to purchase the property for not more than \$75,000.00, to be funded as follows: no less than \$25,000 from private contributions, the balance (not to exceed \$50,000.00) from taxes to be raised in FY 2015.

Moderator Samway asked for a motion on Article 11. Don Webster moved the article, seconded by Beverly Crofoot.

The Moderator recognized Don Webster who spoke on the article. Lee Houghton spoke as a voter and was very much opposed to the Article. Several voters were recognized to speak, among them: Suzanne Molnar, Sally Wilson, Dan Doucette, Denis Wang, Wendy Huntoon, Don Lacoste, Margaret Lacoste, Trudy Miller, David Crofoot, Beverly Crofoot, Shirley Rand, Pat Van Bibber, Chris Maseychik, Dameron Stoddard, Jim Facey. Jackie Facey, Sharon Baraiola. Jim Huning asked if the Article was approved and hypothetically, it sold at \$30,000.00, would the \$25,000.00 needed for donations remain the same and the amount needed to be raised by the tax base would decrease. Moderator Samway said that was the way he was interpreting the Article.

Beverly Crofoot made a motion to amend the Article to be funded as follows: Up to \$25,000.00 from donations and up to \$50,000.00 from taxes. These amounts would be proportionately lowered if a lower purchase price was obtained. That is, that the purchase price for said property would be paid with two-thirds raised from taxes and one-third by private contributions.

The motion to amend the Article was seconded. Discussion ensued regarding the amendment. Moderator Samway asked if there were any questions before calling for a vote on the Amendment.

The Moderator called for a vote on the Amendment to Article 11. **VOTED** – Carried by the majority.

The Moderator spoke as a voter who was very much in favor of Article 11.

There was some concern that the land would not be used for “green space” but instead for a parking lot.

Steve Kazilionis made a motion to make a second Amendment to Article 11 as follows: That said piece of land, if purchased by the Northport Village Corporation, would remain forever wild.

Judy Metcalf seconded the motion.

The Moderator called for a vote on the second Amendment to Article 11, as amended.

VOTED - Carried by the majority.

Discussion continued on the main motion as amended. When discussion ended and there were no further questions or comments the Moderator called for a vote on Article 11, as amended.

VOTED – Carried by the majority.

Moderator Samway asked Dan Doucette to move to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Suzanne Molnar. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Maureen Einstein, Clerk, Northport Village Corporation
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