

Northport Village Corporation
Village Agent Report
August 15, 2021 Board of Overseers Meeting

Parks

- Ruggles Park – status of newly seeded grass: Still mowing to encourage the grass to grow and kill the weeds. Farley continues to monitor the situation.
- Storm drains in new seawall area do not drain as fast as people expect because a temporary filter membrane was installed to prevent silt from clogging the storm drain. The grass is established and the membrane has been removed.
- Seawall project area: Water running down the public walkway between 3 and 5 Park Row that washes silt and rocks down the side of the Park Row extension and around the corner of the boat ramp down toward the Bay.
- Water runoff in front of the new treatment plant: The hot top elevation is not high enough to prevent water runoff from collecting at the stairs to the new treatment plan. In discussion with contractor to remedy.

Wharf and floats

- Annual wharf inspection by Pinnacle Hill Marine Engineering completed. The inspection report will be shared with the Infrastructure Chair and committee.
- Wharfmaster has pointed out that the sign about fishing hours is missing. In general, wharf rules signage needs to be addressed.

Roads

- Pleasant Street and Pleasant Alley: Continue to respond to Pleasant Street and Pleasant Alley issues
- The Town Road Commissioner fixed the edge of Shore Road hot top where the ditch was undermining the road.
- Water at head of Pleasant Lane: Talked with Road Commissioner about possibility of a storm drain on Broadway to address water running down Pleasant Lane. He advised me to have Brown's Excavation to look at it and give an estimate for the work; he will see if he can do the work from the Town budget this fall or whether he may include it in the budget for next year. He asked me to check into raising up the storm drain at Merithew Square to reduce the depth of the "speed bump" there and give him the estimate.
- Shore Road – The Shore Road sewer manholes have been fixed/raised by Farley.

Miscellaneous

- Community Hall: Replacing the two bowing support beams has been temporarily postponed due to the heavy community use.
- Electronic speed signs: The electronic speed sign was repaired by Amro El-Jaroudi and Wendy Huntoon.
- Police: Officer Ryosa has requested a new Kevlar vest that fits him.
- I continue to field calls from private contractors working throughout the Village on current and planned projects in the Village.

- I continue to deal with various villagers with issues they want addressed.
- Community Hall cleaning. Cleaning company resigned due to too much work. Shiloh Field is cleaning the downstairs. We still need to find an affordable option for cleaning upstairs. (Commercial companies want \$1,000+ for one annual cleaning.)
- I enjoyed my first 5 days off in a row in years!

Village projects/needs on the near and far horizon with budget implications

- **Ruggles Park Playground:** New playground equipment will be needed soon.
- **Basketball court:** Resurfacing needs to be included in 2023 budget.
- **Parking Ordinance Implementation:** Requires new signage and work to prepare Cradle Park for parking.
- **Community Hall:** The back of the hall needs to be assessed for potential reshingling needs. The bottom trim needed to be repaired, patched and cracks filled to reduce a rodent issue.
- **Floats replacement:** It is time to begin setting aside and saving money to replace the swim float. Replacement cost ballpark: \$25-45,000. Then, it will be time to save for a new boat float.
- **Inshore mooring block for the boat float:** The block is near the end of its life and needs to be replaced. The cement and metal block was ballast out of a Great Northern Paper Company locomotive that was donated to the Village many years ago. The previous owner of Oriental Cottage was a Great Northern manager and he donated the block and cables used for years to pull in the floats.
- **Library:** The memorial brick walkway is heaving and needs to be reset properly.
- I am still seeking estimates from companies and individuals who consistently do good work with projects like Merithew Square and Library ground maintenance, so that we can add these areas to our parks maintenance plan to be included in the budget and managed by the Village. Donations can continue to be accepted, as available, and the work will be arranged for and overseen by the Village.
- **Bayview Park:** The estimate to reshingle the gazebo (old gatehouse roof) on Bay Street with good architect shingles, and add some needed bracing is \$5,000.

Recent Utilities Activities

- Starting to plan for the fall shutdown.
- Since my last report, 2 more applications for sewer hook-ups have been received, and I anticipate 2 more for water.