

**Northport Village Corporation
Village Agent Report
October 10, 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.
- 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. Met with contractor to discuss installing a storm drain to capture that water.
- 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 plant. In discussion with contractor to remedy.
- Parks maintenance: Plan to work with Tree Warden/Tree Committee to recommend scope of next parks/grounds maintenance contract.

Wharf and floats

- Infrastructure Committee agrees that wharf delayed maintenance is the first priority.
- Necessary repairs identified in annual wharf inspection by Pinnacle Hill Marine Engineering. The inspection report was shared with the Infrastructure Chair and committee. Received an estimate of \$14,000 to complete repairs identified in the Pinnacle report. (Estimate does not include work to replace the metal straps attaching the dock to the pilings or to repair/replace the fiberglass covers on the fender piles. The Pinnacle report indicates that this work can wait, but not long. Prock's 2019 estimate to replace the metal straps was \$12,000. Prock will re-examine the method proposed in 2019 and give us a new proposal in the spring for work to be done in Fall 2022.)

Requested Overseer Action: Authorize expenditure of \$14,000 for necessary wharf repairs identified in annual inspection by Pinnacle Hill Marine Engineering. After the September 12 Board meeting was cancelled, the President and Treasurer authorized me to order the lumber for the brace work because of the 4-12 weeks lead-time to manufacture. Prock's estimate for the cost of the brace work lumber is \$694.00.

- Swim float is disconnected from the dock and prepared to be moored on the storm mooring until it is pulled out. Ladder on west side of the swim float is broken and was removed. May need new ladder on the east side, too. Looking at options. Getting estimates from a metal fabricator. One of the floatation devices on the swim float may be leaking, another indication that the float is nearing the end of its life. When the swim float is out of the water, we will need to assess other needed repairs.

- Metal and woodwork for landing that the ramp sets on the float needs repair. Seeking an estimate.
- New stairs installed on the north shore seawall. Stair will need to be removed for the winter.
- Boat float repairs: Need new rub rail on south end of the boat float. Have purchased new rub rail and will need to coordinate with volunteers in the spring to install. When boat float and dinghy out float are out of the water, will need to inspect for needed repairs.
- Signage: Safety Committee and Wharfmaster have requested new signage regarding swimming safety and fishing rules. Will work with Safety, Wharfmaster and Communications to have new signs ready for next season.
- October 11 – The floats will come out of the water immediately after the Indigenous Peoples Day/Columbus Day holiday. All small watercraft need to be removed from NVC floats and parks by the end of the day, October 11. Kayaks, etc., should be removed from the park ASAP so that we can determine reseeding needs, etc.

Roads

- Pleasant Street and Pleasant Alley: Continue to respond to Pleasant Street and Pleasant Alley issues.
- 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.
- Road wash out on a driveway on upper Griffin Street has been repaired. Under torrential rains, problem will continue, so it has been referred to the Infrastructure Committee.
- Shore Road and Bluff Road: Asked the Road Commissioner to cut back the brush in the road right-of-way at points along these roads where tree limbs and shrubs are hanging over/in the roadway. Has not been done yet.
- New encroachments on NVC property. Informed new owners of 34 Main Street that their in-progress arbor and cement block flower bed are in the 45-foot Main Street road right-of-way and not on their property.

Requested Overseer Action/Guidance: How does the Board want to deal with new encroachments? Direct property owners to stop encroaching and move existing encroachments back to their property lines? Inform property owners that the NVC and road contractors are not responsible for snowplow damage to encroachments in the Village road right-of-way? Other?

Also recently learned that a resident is clearing brush and dumping the brush on Village property.

- ***Requested Overseer Action: Winter Parking Ban approval needed and approval to incur costs to print notification in local paper.***

Miscellaneous

- 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.** We still need to find an affordable option for annual spring-cleaning upstairs. (Commercial companies want \$1,000+ for one annual cleaning.)
- **Streetlights:** CMP was notified of need to repair a couple of non-working streetlights. I will follow up because the lights have not yet been repaired.
- **Pending issues:** (1) determined that tree near 34 Clinton Street that needs to be removed is in the Village 40 foot right-of-way in that area and have informed the Tree Warden; (2) resident or NVC ownership of land between 19 Broadway and 21 Broadway.

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/Grove Street 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. Working on refining a cost estimate.
- **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.
- 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

- Seasonal water shut-off begins October 15.
- Acquired estimates for approved sewer and water service at lot at corner of Griffin & George. Have completed sewer hook up and lateral to property line. On hold for water line due to supply chain issues.
- Repaired curb box on upper Griffin Street.
- Researching future water line on Bluff Road.
- Dealing with complicated water leak issue on Little River Drive.
- Supervised Moore's Septic pumping out chlorine contact chamber and dichlorination chamber.
- Supervised Moore's Septic cleaning sludge out of train 1 and 2 of the system.

Submitted by Bill Paige, Village Agent.