IMPORTANT MESSAGE REGARDING VILLAGE STREETS AND ROADS

This is a reminder to Northport Village Corporation (Bayside) property owners and residents about the Village’s ownership of Village roads.  (This reminder does not apply to Town of Northport roads, such as Shore Road, Bluff Road, Bayside Road or private roads.)

The Village owns the land over which the Village roads travel as laid out and shown on the Greenlaw Plan.  A copy of the Greenlaw Plan is displayed in the Meeting Room of the Community Hall.  Although the current roadbeds themselves are narrow, the land owned by the Village is as wide as shown on the Greenlaw Plan.  For example, the width of the land owned by the Village over which Maple Street travels is 35 feet wide, although the paved portion of Maple Street is noticeably narrower.

Another way of describing this situation is that each lot owner abutting Village roads owns only the land described in their deed, which typically refers to the lot number on the Greenlaw Plan. This means that although the roadbed may be narrow, *the lot owner does not own to the edge of the roadbed*.   If you have plantings, stones, gardens, grasses, lawn ornaments, arbors, etc., on land owned by the Village as shown on the Greenlaw Plan, they are subject to removal.

Keeping the width of Village-owned roadways clear, regardless of the width of the paved or unpaved roadbed, is important to maintain safe passage for road users; to permit unimpeded road maintenance such as ditching, brush cutting, culvert placement and cleaning, and sanding and plowing in the winter; and to avoid the use of Village land for private purposes. In addition, encroachments on Village roadways interfere with storm water drainage, with unintended consequences for other property owners.

The Village is not liable for damage to encroachments by snow plowing or other Village road maintenance work of any kind. The Village will seek reimbursement from a property owner for any damage to Village equipment caused by encroachments on Village roadways.

If you have questions about the impact of this information on your property, please contact Village Agent Bill Paige. Also, if you have a survey of your property, please share a copy with the Village Agent.