

**Northport Village Corporation
Village Agent Report
May 15, 2022 Board of Overseers Meeting**

Overseers' action and/or input requested:

- Grove Street/Cradle Row Preparation for Parking: Working with Brown's Excavation on an affordable solution. (1) First option, although better, is too expensive: 4' wide trench by 140' long filled with rock tailings; 12" of -2" gravel over everything, except first 40' from Clinton in because that area is in better shape and needs less gravel. \$9,000. (2) 4' x 140' 2' deep trench, filled with rock tailings and 6" of -2" gravel, except 4" of gravel over first 40' in from Clinton. \$6,800. (3) Same as option 2, except only 4" of -2" gravel throughout. Cars may sink down and this option may not last as long as other options. \$6,200. All options will direct water to the Pleasant Lane ditch.
- Preparation of summer parking area for Northport Yacht Club boat trailers: There is space behind the utility garage and firehouse to create space to park approximately 13-14 yacht club boat trailers that are usually parked on Grove Street/Cradle Row. The estimate to level the area and put down approximately 4" of gravel is \$ 2,000. (The estimate to clear a road around back of the utility garage is \$2,770. The work that can be done for \$2,000 will require backing the trailers around the building.)
- Parking signs (tabled from last meeting): Estimate for recommended signs and labor is \$1,700, plus unknown freight costs for shipping the "no parking" stencil. Will Overseers approve purchase in light of Personnel/Safety recommendation regarding source of funding?
- Replacement of Community Hall downstairs door: March 27, 2022 estimate for the door was \$3,342.36. We will need an additional \$200 for replacing trim boards as needed. Paul Overgaag has volunteered his labor to install the door.
- Painting pickleball lines on basketball court: Pre-Covid, the Overseers approved a request from Jim and Cathie Ross to paint pickleball court lines on the basketball court. Due to Covid, the project was never completed. Will the Board reauthorize painting pickleball court lines, at no expense to the NVC?

Parks

- Recommend that we maintain the 2022 \$7,000 (non-contract) parks maintenance budget amount to include mulch and gardening work in all village parks. (Note that cost of mulch has increased from \$12/yard to \$45/yard this year.

- Ruggles Park: Farley has contracted with Turf Doctor to “weed and feed” for the summer.
- Area between the boulders and the seawall: Salt-water spray killed the grass; highly unlikely that it will regrow. Options include: reseed annually; put down crushed stone; leave as is or ????
- Bottom of Ruggles Park: 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. Estimate is \$5,000 for new catch basin that ties into the one further down.
- 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. Contractor does not see an issue and will not address.

Wharf and floats

- Infrastructure Committee agrees that wharf delayed maintenance is the first priority.
- Swim float:
 - Two new stainless steel ladders have been ordered. The ladder for the east side of the float has been extended a bit to allow easier access for less agile swimmers.
 - Metal and woodwork for landing that the ramp sets on the float needs repair. Still waiting for an estimate from Scott Munroe.
- Boat float repairs: volunteers installed new rub rail on south end of the boat float. Boat float and dinghy float have been inspected and are OK for this summer. Boat float ladder was broken when the float was pulled out of the water last fall and should be replaced.
- Signage: Safety Committee and Wharfmaster have requested new signage regarding swimming safety and fishing rules. Will get estimates when I receive final language from Safety, Waterfront and Wharfmaster and work with Communications to have new signs ready for next season.

Roads

- North Avenue: before fuel costs skyrocketed, estimate to cut out curbing, dig out and fill in with gravel and hot top new area was \$5,000. Oil truck wheels may deteriorate the new hot top, and there is no guarantee about how long this “fix” will last.
- Broadway: Residents have raised concerns about the October washout between Griffin and Main and the deepening ruts and potholes. I have spoken to the Road Commissioner about this, and a resident mentioned it at a Town Municipal Officers meeting. Nothing new to report.
- 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. Waiting for an estimate. He asked me to check into raising the storm drain at Merithew Square to reduce the depth of the “speed bump” there and give him the estimate. Unlikely that the Town will be able to address these issues in the current budget.

- Shore Road and Bluff Road: Repeatedly since last fall, have 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. 34 Main Street encroachments have not been removed.
- Property owner complaints about water runoff from village roads: Whenever I have an opportunity, I advise property owners building new structures or doing major remodels to build their foundations higher than the crest of the road grade to avoid flooding. Property owners who ignore this advice then complain that runoff from the road floods their property and they want the village to do something about it. I suggest that we figure out some other ways to communicate this information. Website? Zoning ordinance?

Miscellaneous

- Fence around the pond: The frost has picked up the concrete posts and the fence is falling over. Replacing the fence was on a “10-year plan” that was never funded. Looking at temporary fix to reset the posts, but longer-term fix is needed soon.
- Truck and sander: When the sander is removed from the truck and cleaned up, I have identified someone who will try to repair it. If we can’t repair, we will have to replace two chains for the slide tray. In addition the snowplow needs new blades (estimate \$800) and needs to be serviced this year.
- Merithew Square parking lot: I have the disabled parking sign and post and need to find someone to install it.
- 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. Annual cleaning will occur May 14-15.
- CMP’s replacement of poles on Shore Road and Bluff Road: I continue to deal with companies regarding pole replacement and fiber optic cable.

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

- **Ruggles Park Playground**: Need to budget for crusher dust placed under the swings.
- **Basketball court**: Resurfacing will need to be done in the near future. The crack(s) is widening and will present a hazard at some point.

- **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. Have not yet found a carpenter willing to look at it.
- **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.

Other Activities

- Interim Office Manager work.

Submitted by Bill Paige, Village Agent.