

Northport Village Corporation

Annual Report

August 8, 2023



Bayside
Town of Northport, Maine

About the cover photo:

Long a familiar site to most Baysiders – and the unofficial village center since the late 1800's – the building at 24 Bay Street has been a photo studio, post office, general store, realty office, and more. Mostly, though, it's home to Blair and Beanie Einstein – and has been for Blair since he first acquired the building with his then wife, Ann, in 1973 – a full fifty years ago.

Looking farther back, one undated historical record recalls a general store and post office run by the Tibbits family. According to notes from the Bayside Historical Preservation Society, Mrs. Tibbits was the post mistress, and the daily mail delivery would draw villagers every day around 4PM, as folks waited for Mrs. Tibbits to sort the mail.

- *Michael Tirrell*

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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
Municipal Officers of the
Northport Village Corporation
August, 8 2023



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Dedication: Blair & Beanie Einstein

Among his many stories rich with meaning and charm, Blair Einstein is fond of telling the T-shirt tale. It's the story of a limited-run T-shirt created by a long-time Baysider – a shirt that Blair has donned for years. The front of the shirt asks the question: *Can you tell me how to get to Bayside, Maine?* On the other side is the answer: *Nope!*

Of course, the T-shirt tale says so much about the yin and yang of Bayside – and the wit found throughout the village. We all love Bayside dearly and seek to safeguard it passionately. But it's mistaken to interpret that as a hesitancy to share it. In fact, perhaps no other person has done more to both preserve Bayside's charm, and welcome newcomers, than Blair. His dear wife Beanie is a close second.

This Annual Report is dedicated to both Blair and Beanie – or as some might have it: Beanie and Blair. They are pictured here on their porch on July 4th, 2023, when the village descended on Ruggles Park as it does every year for the longtime tradition of kids' games and holiday festivities. Naturally, many folks also gathered at Blair & Beanie's to shoot the breeze and catch up.

Blair Einstein and his first wife, Ann, fell in love with Bayside at first sight. Fifty years ago this year, they bought the former post office and opened a general store selling delicious sandwiches and ice cream. Making people happy made them happy, and they went on to rent cottages and sell real estate.

For many of us not lucky enough to inherit a cottage here, Blair was the first person we met. He helped us turn our dreams into reality, then found us painters, carpenters, and friends. A few years after Ann died, Blair met Beanie, whose love of Bayside matched his own. Together they have been doing volunteer work in the village for decades.



Ruggles Park is their front yard. They pick up trash, tidy the bulletin board, and look after the playground, named for Ann Einstein. They gather and safeguard the belongings left in the park, making their office Bayside’s unofficial Lost and Found Department. Blair maintains a bench in Bayview Park that honors Beanie’s late mother.

In the days before we had a policeman, Blair served as a voluntary constable, “keeping the peace” in Ruggles Park. Beanie is an involved member of the Safety Committee and she and Blair house the Village’s defibrillator (AED) when it’s not at the dock with the lifeguard.

Beanie is a nurse and is sometimes the first responder at health emergencies. On one summer morning a few years ago, she came to the rescue of a neighbor, who phoned with an emergency that interrupted her Sunday morning ritual with the NY Times crossword puzzle. “Beanie, I’m dying,” he gasped. “WTF, I’m coming,” she answered. In the minutes that followed, Beanie trundled him into her car and rushed for Waldo County Hospital. A short time later, in the emergency room, they cried together and she held his hand. Was this a final goodbye?

Hardly. It was a kidney stone. He survived. Nowadays, they laugh hysterically in the retelling of that drama.

Most days, Beanie and Blair answer questions and offer help with problems, big and small. For the yacht club, they raise funds by selling merchandise. For Bayside Arts, they sell tickets for events and maintain the sign announcing those events. Beanie is the village clerk, and Blair is a notary public – breezily notarizing documents upon request. Few people know that Blair also performs the occasional wedding.

Blair and Beanie are irreplaceable – and Blair is often referred to as Bayside’s unofficial mayor. Their untiring efforts provide an invisible glue that helps to bind our community. What’s more, they never seek recognition for what that they do.

Perhaps there could be another T-shirt one day – though they would likely think it a bad idea. One the one side, would be the question: *Would Bayside, as we know it, have happened without Blair and Beanie?*

You can guess the answer.

Gina Cressey & Michael Tirrell



Northport Village Corporation (NVC) – Information 2023

FOR EMERGENCIES:

Police, Fire, Medical Call 911

FOR NON-EMERGENCIES:

Waldo County Sheriff 207.338.6786

VILLAGE BUSINESS:

Village Office 813 Shore Road
Northport, Maine, 04849
207.338.0751
office@nvcmaine.org

Office Hours Monday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Tuesday: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Wednesday: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Thursday: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Friday: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Village Agent Bill Paige – 207.338.0751

Office Manager Trish Parker – 207.338.0751

Utilities Superintendent Chuck Applebee, Water Quality
Compliance Services

Wharfmaster Craig Brigham – 207.624.2769

Please direct all questions and concerns to the NVC Office.

Meetings of the NVC Board of Overseers are posted on www.nvcmaine.org

The NVC Annual Meeting is held on the 2nd Tuesday in August.



Village Officers and Board of Overseers

NVC Officers

Janae Novotny, President	Term ends 2024
Gwendolyn Huntoon, Treasurer	Term ends 2023
Maureen Einstein, Clerk	Term ends 2025

NVC Overseers

Celine Bewsher	Term ends 2025
Brady Brim-DeForest	Term ends 2024
Fred Lincoln	Term ends 2025
Victoria L. Matthews	Term ends 2024
Judy Metcalf	Term ends 2024
Michael Tirrell	Term ends 2023
Jeffrey Wilt	Term ends 2023

Committees & Chairs

Communications	Chairperson Michael Tirrell
Finance	Fred Lincoln
Governance	Judy Metcalf
Infrastructure	Celine Bewsher
Personnel	Janae Novotny
Safety	Michael Tirrell
Parks and Trees	Victoria L. Matthews (Tree Warden)
Utilities	Jeffrey Wilt
Waterfront	Brady Brim-DeForest

Please contact the Village Office to relay a concern or message to any committee.

The village website also has information on each committee and meeting minutes: www.nvcmaine.org



Public Notice
Northport Village Corporation
Annual Meeting
August 8, 2023
6:00 PM

To the Presiding Police Officer or Designated Agent for Northport Village Corporation in the County of Waldo, State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Northport Village Corporation in Waldo County, Maine, qualified by law to vote in Village affairs, to meet at Basketball Court in Bayside on Tuesday the 8th day of August, 2023, at 6:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles. If the weather is inclement as of 2:00 p.m., the location will be the Community Hall at 813 Shore Road, Bayside.

Article 1: To choose a Moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: President's Report.

Article 3: Treasurer's Report.

Article 4: To see what sums of money the Northport Village Corporation will raise and appropriate for the following accounts for the fiscal year 2024.

OVERSEERS PROPOSED BUDGET

Expenses

Contracted Services	\$	43,356
Auto Expenses	\$	25,970
Employee Wages and Benefits	\$	101,189
Administration (ref. Note 1)	\$	32,519
Legal and Professional Services	\$	42,000
Repairs and Maintenance	\$	105,500
Protection and Safety (ref. Note 2)	\$	4,650
Utilities	\$	25,138
Long Term Debt Service (Bond Expense)	\$	128,878
Other Expenditures	\$	10,024
Total Expenses	\$	519,224
Total Funds to be Raised	\$	519,224

Note 1: Administration category includes: Community Events, Information and Notices,



Insurance, Membership Dues, Office Supplies, Postage, Software, and Tax Collection Fees.

Note 2: Protection and Safety category includes: Safety Committee Operations, Police Training, and Police and Lifeguard Uniforms/Equipment/Supplies.

The money will be raised as follows: At the Town of Northport Annual Meeting on June 19, 2023, as part of the warrants of the Town’s Annual Meeting, the Town voted to raise, appropriate, and expend funds for the Northport Village Corporation in the amount of \$12,000 for wharfs/floats maintenance, \$6,000 for Village roads, \$3,500 for Parks, and \$3,500 for two days of additional lifeguard coverage (\$25,000 total) for municipal services provided by the Village that benefit the Town. The NVC also expects to raise \$8,300 from other revenue (Rent from Utilities, Community Hall Rental, Watercraft Registration fees, and Interest Income). The balance (\$485,924) is to be raised from the Northport Village Corporation property tax.

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 \$485,924 in anticipation of 2024 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.

Financial Statement

1. Total Village Indebtedness

A. Total bonds outstanding and unpaid as of 12/31/2022	\$2,469,948
B. Total bonds authorized and unissued.	\$ 906,440
C. Bonds to be issued if this article is approved	\$ 985,924
D. [NOTE: This bond would replace \$406,440 of the sum included in line B]	<u>(\$ 406,440)</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 3,455,872</u>

2. Costs

At an estimated rate of 7% (seven percent) for a term of one year, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$ 485,924
Interest:	<u>\$ 34,015</u>
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE:	<u>\$ 519,939</u>



3. Validity

The validity of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not by reason of the variance.

_____/S/_____

Treasurer, Northport Village Corporation

Article 6: To see if the Northport Village Corporation will vote to authorize a majority of the Overseers of the Corporation to borrow on behalf of the Northport Village Corporation a principal amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 and to issue and sell general obligation bonds or notes of the Northport Village Corporation for that purpose and/or to expend funds from accumulated surpluses (the combined borrowing and use of surplus funds not to exceed \$1,000,000 for replacement and repair of Community Hall and Wharf as needed, repairs to utilities operated by the Village Corporation, for reconstruction of shoreline damage to property owned by Northport Village Corporation or repairs of roads owned by the Village, such bonds and notes to be issued upon such further terms or conditions as may be determined by a majority 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.

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B. Total bonds authorized and unissued	\$ 985,924
C. Bonds to be issued if this article is approved	\$1,000,000
[NOTE: This bond would replace \$500,000 of the sum included in line B]	(\$ 500,000)
TOTAL	<u>\$3,955,872</u>

2. Costs

At an estimated rate of 7% for a term of 20 years, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$1,000,000
Interest:	\$ 70,000
Total Debt Service:	\$1,070,000



1. **Validity**

The validity of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue differs from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

/s/

Treasurer, Northport Village Corporation

Article 7: To fix a rate of interest on taxes delinquent after September 1, 2023, equal to that charged by the Town of Northport.

Article 8: To see if the Village will vote to use reserves to fund the 2024 interest payment on the \$1.6M Seawall Bond in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. The Seawall Bond was authorized at the 2019 annual meeting.

Article 9: To see if the Northport Village Corporation will vote to authorize a majority of the Overseers of the Corporation to use the balance of revenues in excess of expenses at the end of 2024 for improvements to Village infrastructure and/or for support in providing entertainment and cultural events and the facilities therefore in the Village.

Article 10: To see if the Village will vote to authorize the Overseers to establish rules and regulations, from time to time, addressing the use, protection, and preservation of Village owned assets in the interest of the Village and public safety of its residents, after public hearings on any such rules and regulations.

Article 11: To elect by written ballot two Overseers for the NVC for three-year terms and a Treasurer for a term of three years.

Article 12: Reports of Committees.

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE OF OVERSEERS MEETING:

The newly elected Board of Overseers will meet to be sworn in and attend to village business immediately upon the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

Dated: July 15, 2023

Northport Village Corporation

Janae Novotny, President
Maureen Einstein, Clerk
Gwendolyn Huntoon, Treasurer



BOARD OF OVERSEERS

Celine Bewsher _____ /S/

Brady Brim-DeForest _____ /S/

Frederic B. Lincoln _____ /S/

Victoria Matthews _____ /S/

Judy A.S. Metcalf _____ /S/

Michael Tirrell _____ /S/

Jeffrey Wilt _____ /S/

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest: Maureen Einstein, Clerk _____ /S/
Northport Village Corporation

Note: Due to early publication, this warrant may be changed or amended before the August 8, 2023 Annual Meeting. Current annual financials and Auditor's Report will be provided at the Annual Meeting.



**Northport Village Corporation
2024 Proposed Budget**

	<u>2023 Budget</u>	<u>2024 Budget</u>	
	Approved	Proposed	Change
Revenue			
4000 Revenue			
4100 General Government Revenue			
4200 General Operating Revenue			
4210 RE Tax Revenue			
4216 2022 RE Tax Revenue	\$406,440.00	\$485,924.00	\$79,484.00
Total 4210 RE Tax Revenue	\$406,440.00	\$485,924.00	\$79,484.00
4230 Town of Northport Revenue	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00
4235 Rent from Utilities	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
4240 Watercraft Registration Revenue	\$3,000.00	\$4,100.00	\$1,100.00
4245 Water Late Fee Revenue			
Total 4200 General Operating Revenue	\$437,440.00	\$518,024.00	\$80,584.00
4300 General Non-Operating Revenue			
4310 Interest Income (G)	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
4320 Community Hall Rentals	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	-\$500.00
4330 Donations			
Total 4330 Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4350 Grants			
Total 4300 General Non-Operating Revenue	\$1,700.00	\$1,200.00	-\$500.00
Total 4100 General Government Revenue	\$439,140.00	\$519,224.00	\$80,084.00
4999 Uncategorized Income			\$0.00
Total 4000 Revenue	\$439,140.00	\$519,224.00	\$80,084.00
Gross Revenue	\$439,140.00	\$519,224.00	\$80,084.00
Expenditures			
6000 Expenses			
6010 1099 Contractors			
6015 Casual Labor			\$0.00
6020 Contracted Services			
6021 Mowing & Trimming Service	\$12,550.00	\$12,550.00	\$0.00
6022 Trash Collection	\$22,500.00	\$24,000.00	\$1,500.00
Total 6020 Contracted Services	\$35,050.00	\$36,550.00	\$1,500.00
6035 Finance Manager			\$0.00
6036 Bookkeeping	\$6,806.50	\$6,806.50	\$0.00
6037 Office Assistant			\$0.00
Total 6010 1099 Contractors	\$41,856.50	\$43,356.50	\$1,500.00
6050 Auto Expenses			
6051 Auto Fuel Expense			
6052 Cruiser Fuel	\$1,000.00	\$1,600.00	\$600.00
6053 Truck Fuel	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Total 6051 Auto Fuel Expense	\$3,000.00	\$3,600.00	



6055 Auto Repairs & Maintenance			
6056 Cruiser Maintenance	\$3,520.00	\$3,520.00	\$0.00
6057 Truck Maintenance	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Total 6055 Auto Repairs & Maintenance	\$6,020.00	\$6,020.00	
6058 Mileage Expenses			\$0.00
6059 Accrue for Truck Replacement	\$6,350.00	\$16,350.00	\$10,000.00
Total 6050 Auto Expenses	\$15,370.00	\$25,970.00	\$10,600.00
6065 Community Events	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
6070 Employee Wages & Benefits			
6075 Employee Benefits			
6076 Company Paid Benefits	\$1,000.00	\$4,672.00	\$3,672.00
6077 Income Protection Plan	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Total 6075 Employee Benefits	\$1,300.00	\$4,972.00	-\$3,672.00
6080 Employee Salaries & Wages			
6083 Lifeguard Wages	\$8,100.00	\$11,600.00	\$3,500.00
6084 Office Personnel Wages	\$23,308.50	\$25,170.00	\$1,861.50
6085 Police Wages	\$13,100.00	\$10,100.00	-\$3,000.00
6088 Village Agent Wages	\$37,960.00	\$40,996.80	\$3,036.80
6089 Village Officials Wages	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$0.00
6090 Winter Roads Wages	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total 6080 Employee Salaries & Wages	\$83,118.50	\$88,516.80	\$5,398.30
6095 Payroll Processing Expenses	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00
6096 Payroll Tax Expenses	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00
Total 6096 Payroll Tax Expenses	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00
Total 6070 Employee Wages & Benefits	\$92,118.50	\$101,188.80	\$9,070.30
6150 Information & Notices	\$3,250.00	\$3,250.00	\$0.00
6160 Insurance			
6161 Property & Casualty Insurance	\$5,095.00	\$5,295.00	\$200.00
6162 Workers Comp Insurance	\$3,400.00	\$3,900.00	\$500.00
Total 6160 Insurance	\$8,495.00	\$9,195.00	\$700.00
6170 Interest Paid			
6190 Legal & Professional Services			\$0.00
6191 Auditing Services	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
6192 Engineering Fees		\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00
6193 Legal Fees	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
Total 6190 Legal & Professional Services	\$6,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$36,000.00
6210 Licenses, Permits and Fees			\$0.00
6240 Membership Dues	\$231.00	\$750.00	\$519.00
6260 Office Supplies	\$3,500.00	\$4,700.00	\$1,200.00
6285 Postage	\$550.00	\$300.00	-\$250.00
6330 Repairs & Maintenance			
6331 Building Repairs & Maintenance		\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
6332 Cleaning	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$0.00
6333 Grounds General Maintenance	\$7,000.00	\$28,000.00	\$21,000.00



6334 Road Maintenance	\$37,000.00	\$21,000.00	-\$16,000.00
6336 Tree Maintenance	\$7,800.00	\$10,800.00	\$3,000.00
6337 Wharf & Floats Maintenance	\$41,000.00	\$35,000.00	-\$6,000.00
6342 General Repairs & Maintenance	\$3,550.00	\$3,550.00	\$0.00
6343 Library Operations & Maintenance	\$903.25	\$400.00	-\$503.25
Total 6330 Repairs & Maintenance	\$99,003.25	\$105,500.00	\$6,496.75
6344 Safety Committee Operations	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
6345 Software	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,500.00
6360 Tax Collection Fees	\$8,225.00	\$9,724.00	\$1,499.00
6370 Training			
6371 Police Training	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Total 6370 Training	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
6390 Uniforms, Equipment & Supplies			
6391 Lifeguard Uni/Equip/Supp	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
6392 Police Uni/Equip/Supp	\$750.00	\$3,250.00	\$2,500.00
Total 6390 Uniforms, Equipment & Supplies	\$1,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,500.00
6400 Utilities			
6401 Electricity Expense	\$1,281.00	\$2,307.00	\$1,026.00
6402 Oil/Propane	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
6403 Hydrant Rental	\$5,600.00	\$6,500.00	\$900.00
6404 Propane			\$0.00
6405 Street Lights	\$10,000.00	\$11,516.00	\$1,516.00
6406 Telephone & Internet Expense	\$800.00	\$560.00	-\$240.00
6407 Water & Sewer	\$3,520.00	\$3,255.00	-\$265.00
Total 6400 Utilities	\$22,201.00	\$25,138.00	\$2,937.00
Total 6000 Expenses	\$305,550.25	\$380,322.30	-\$74,772.05
6800 Bond Expenses			
6812 2009 MMBB Bond Principal	\$32,613.00	\$33,984.00	\$1,371.00
6813 2009 MMBB Bond Interest	\$2,078.00	\$706.86	-\$1,371.14
6816 2013 MMBB Refinance Bond Principal	\$5,534.50	\$5,867.20	\$332.70
6817 2013 MMBB Refinance Bond Interest	\$3,263.50	\$2,923.44	-\$340.06
6818 2015 BHBT Bond Principal	\$19,573.00	\$20,788.80	\$1,215.80
6819 2015 BHBT Bond Interest	\$2,492.00	\$1,275.76	-\$1,216.24
6820 2021B MMBB Bond Principal	\$45,161.00	\$44,680.32	-\$480.68
6821 2021B MMBB Bond Interest	\$12,874.00	\$18,651.78	\$5,777.78
Total 6800 Bond Expenses	\$123,589.00	\$128,878.16	\$5,289.16
Total Expenditures	\$429,139.25	\$509,200.46	\$80,061.21
Net Operating Revenue	\$10,000.75	\$10,023.54	\$22.79
Other Expenditures			
7100 Contingency Expenses	\$10,000.00	\$10,024.00	\$24.00
9999 Uncategorized Expenses (deleted)			
Total Other Expenditures	\$10,000.00	\$10,024.00	\$24.00
Net Other Revenue	-\$10,000.00	-\$10,024.00	-\$24.00
Net Revenue	\$0.75	-\$0.46	-\$1.21



President's Report

Bayside memories for many who treasure our unique community and call the village their “happy place” revolve around the many summer activities available here and within the larger coastal Maine community. And acknowledging the continuing rhythms of the other seasons in the Village is worth repeating.

School buses ply Cross Street, Shore Road and Bayside Road transporting Bayside children to Drinkwater School and area high schools. Home and NVC infrastructure improvement activities pick up in the fall after the summer rush, continue at a slower pace through the winter, and pick up again in spring in a flurry to complete projects before summer begins. Dog walking continues on village roads. In the fall hunting season, blaze orange is the recommended color for vests, hats and scarves – for both humans and dogs. As winter sets in, you might recognize the dogs before you identify the people under layers of hats, gloves, scarves and coats.

Resident-organized community activities last Fall included Halloween “trick or treat” activities in the core village and an Oktoberfest celebration. For Halloween, in addition to year-round residents who decorated their porches and dressed in costumes to greet trick-or-treaters, organizers reached out to summer cottage owners for permission to decorate their porches and hand out candy from their festooned porches.

The Yacht Club building was transformed into a little “haunted house.” Bayside youth strung lights around Ruggles and Merithew Square Parks. Organizers also invited Northport residents to bring their children to Bayside and provided a map showing the participating cottages. Baysiders distributing candy were delighted to welcome approximately 60 trick-or-treating children and families. Long-time Baysiders declared that participation was record setting, and Bayside residents gathered at the Yacht Club at the end of the evening to celebrate.

Other community-organized activities - Christmas-tree lighting and carol singing in Merithew Square and a New Year's Eve beach bonfire are fast becoming traditions. A cottage festooned with holiday lights could be found



on nearly every street, and the Yacht Club was decorated with boughs of greenery and bright lights.

So, too, the operations of the NVC, its Overseers and employees continue without pause throughout the year. Much of the Overseers' work is accomplished through the efforts and recommendations of standing and ad hoc committees, chaired by an overseer and relying on the contributions of community member volunteers. NVC committees work and meet (usually via Zoom) throughout the year. Their achievements to sustain and improve the village, overseen and approved by the Board, are described in the Committee Reports in this Annual Report.

Looking back on the past year, a few significant developments deserve special mention.

To maintain our cooperative relationship with the Town of Northport, Jeffrey Wilt, the Overseers' liaison to the Town, faithfully attended the twice-a-month Select Board meetings, and I filled in for him as needed. Both of us attended Select Board budget development workshops. We continued to work closely with the Select Board and Town staff to understand the Town's operation and challenges, to broaden their understanding of the NVC, and to find shared interests.

As a result of these mutual efforts between Town and NVC representatives, the Town Select Board again recommended Town budget contributions to specific Bayside resources that benefit the entire Town. The Town budget approved at the June 2022 Annual Town Meeting included a total allocation of \$25,000 to the 2024 NVC budget - \$12,000 to NVC's wharf and floats maintenance costs, \$6,000 toward Village road repairs and maintenance, \$3,500 for Village parks maintenance and improvements, and \$3,500 to fund an additional two days of lifeguard coverage during the 2024 summer season.

Close coordination and cooperation with the Town, spear-headed by Infrastructure Committee Chair Celine Bewsher, resulted in the Town's submission of an application for a State of Maine Community Resilience Partner-



ship grant to begin to address needed shoreline stabilization in Bayview and Auditorium Parks and elsewhere in the Town. Baysiders participated in a remarkable numbers in a Town community meeting to elicit community members' ideas about the Town's climate resiliency needs.

Although small in size and population, the NVC faces many of the same operational and legal responsibilities of much larger towns. Funding for a full-time office manager was included in the 2023 budget, but we were unable to find a suitable candidate for a substantial portion of the year. Consequently, your volunteer officers and the Finance Committee chair, again worked many hours on administrative work that is most appropriately and efficiently performed by professional administrative staff. We are grateful and excited that our long search ended when Patricia ("Trish") Parker accepted our employment offer and became our new office manager at the end of May. Trish is a very experienced administrator, and her municipal finance experience, in particular, immediately positively impacted our operations.

We continued our successful Donuts and Dialog events throughout the summer season to inform the community about challenges facing Bayside and to engage community members in discussions about their perspectives and priorities concerning these challenges. Through these facilitated community discussions, among other possible information-gathering tools, we want to hear your ideas and goals for Bayside's future. The community's creative ideas and viewpoints will inform the Overseers' strategic planning efforts.

Janae Novotny, President



Treasurer's Report

Philbrook & Associates took on the bookkeeping functions this past year. In addition, the Office Manager position was filled in May 2023. Prior to the hiring of the Office manager, office activities were supported by the existing staff and volunteer support (President - Janae Novotny, Treasurer - Wendy Huntoon. Overseer – Fred Lincoln and others). Over the past year accounting priorities have continued to focus on managing and maintaining day-to-day activities (vendor management, invoice tracking, monthly warrant development and bill paying) and finalizing the 2020 audit.

The 2020 Audit was finalized in February 2023 with the 2020 financial statements available on the NVC website. NVC is working with the Philbrook & Associates and Wilke & Associates to prepare the financial reports and other documents for the 2021 audit. The process has been slow due to lack of NVC staff and available time from the accounting firms. The expectation is that the documents will be ready for review and the 2021 audit scheduled by September 2023. In parallel, documents will be prepared for the 2022 audit so that it can commence soon after the 2021 audit has been completed.

The Board continues to engage with villagers to understand NVC budget near-term and long-term priorities. Activities consisted of regular Finance Committee meetings throughout the year as well as budget workshops in Spring 2023. Detailed financial information was provided for these meetings including: draft 2024 budget, commented and compared with previous budgets; budget narrative; and a millage spreadsheet, including comparison with previous years.

Gwendolyn Huntoon, Treasurer



Committee Reports

Communications Committee Report

The Communications Committee was formed a couple of years ago to create and launch the first-ever village website at the domain www.nvcmaine.org. The village site functions primarily as the official channel for governance related updates, information, and policies. If you haven't already visited the site, here is what to expect for general categories:

- Governance information regarding Overseers, Committees, Bylaws, the Village Charter, Ordinances, committee minutes, past annual reports, and a meetings calendar;
- Department information involving the Village Agent, Village Office, Police Department, Utilities Department and Wharfmaster;
- Useful “how to” information that includes Bayside’s waterfront, building permits, emergency services, facility rentals, regulations on fire and fireworks, parking, renter information, as well as trash and utilities guidance;
- Registration forms for boating, as well as rental forms for the Community Hall;
- Links to organizations and resources with deep Bayside roots include Bayside Arts, Bayside Historical Society, baysidemaine.com and the Northport Yacht Club;
- Timely updates and alerts;
- Village hours and contact information; and
- A brief history of NVC.

The 2023 budget included funding to retain a tech support professional on a limited basis for Wordpress, security, and ongoing site structure updates. A hearty ‘thank you’ goes out to Diana Easty for her ongoing and rock-solid volunteer efforts to support that effort. *Thank you, Diana!*



Dan Webster is instrumental in distributing the ongoing range of village communications – including meeting updates, minutes and meeting summaries, as well as the plethora of scheduling announcements that pepper your inboxes year-round. Dan’s website – www.baysidemaine.com – is a privately owned and autonomous service that is fundamental to the fabric of Bayside. *Thank you, Dan!*

The seasonal Donuts & Dialog forums continue annually. These Saturday morning sessions were conceived to provide informal deep dives around a single topic (budget, utilities, infrastructure, public safety, etc.). The coffee and donuts are fresh and the dialog robust!

As to ongoing communications – the ebbs and flows of village updates, announcements, and meetings summaries – the process is less a committee effort and more a set of protocols & practices coordinated between village Officers, Overseers, and key volunteers across the village. Look for all of that to continue, of course, though the Communications Committee itself is likely to go dormant.

Michael Tirrell, Chair



Finance Committee Report

The primary purpose of the NVC Finance Committee is to review, investigate, and analyze matters that may directly or indirectly impact NVC financial operations. The committee offers relevant data, opinions, and recommendations to the NVC Board of Overseers for consideration in their decision-making activities throughout the year, promoting continued transparency and alignment to current village policies and procedures, financial controls, and generally accepted accounting principles.

The committee, which typically meets monthly, is composed of a professionally balanced, thoughtfully diverse group of Bayside residents who include Wendy Huntoon, NVC Treasurer; Janae Novotny, NVC President; Overseers Fred Lincoln and Brady Brim-DeForest, and Village community members Bill Easty, Bill Cressy, and Jeff Magee. The committee fosters open lines of communication that continue beyond the monthly meetings. We hold collaborative working relationships with our partner NVC committees and may offer financial advice, as appropriate.

Primary responsibilities of the Finance Committee include, but are not limited to:

- Responding to NVC Officials on financial matters involving operating efficiencies, process improvements, risk assessment and avoidance, and future year financial forecasting and reserves planning for anticipated capital expenditures;
- Maintaining continual engagement with the NVC Treasurer, as materially significant concerns arise;
- Assisting the NVC Treasurer with annual General Government Budget preparation, including analysis and data gathering during early stages of the process;
- Reviewing Utility Department's administrative activities, as impacting NVC General Government finances;
- Supporting the Annual Warrant Process (financial data);
- Reviewing and updating NVC Policies and Procedures, as related to NVC finances;
- Overseeing and offering recommendations regarding general banking functions; and
- Assessing and providing advisory opinions on current accounting and bookkeeping activities.



Due to the vacancy in the NVC Office Manager position and the onboarding of a newly hired bookkeeping firm in the past year, the Committee Chair was closely engaged with various office administration activities involving village finances. Examples were preparing and reviewing monthly warrants (all departments), supporting the NVC Treasurer for remediation of bookkeeping issues, and occasional bill paying oversight. This involvement ensured NVC's financial commitments were adequately addressed and recorded, and validated appropriate separation of duties for checks and balances.

The Finance Committee looks forward to collaborating with the recently hired NVC Office Manager in seeking further opportunities to serve the fiduciary benefit of village taxpayers. Monthly meeting minutes of the NVC Finance Committee are posted at the NVC website. Meeting announcements are posted at the NVC website. All village residents are welcome to attend the meetings.

Frederic Lincoln, Chair



Governance Committee Report

The Governance Committee ended this year of service to the Village where it began the year, assisting the community by assuring that its Zoning Ordinance reflects the goals of the community with reasoned and reasonable land use tools and regulations. On August 14, 2022, after several public hearings and meetings, the Board of Overseers accepted and adopted the Zoning Ordinance as modified and amended. On June 11, 2023, after several public meetings and a public hearing, the Committee presented to the Board of Overseers minor changes in the definition of Impervious Surface and Lot Coverage. Those were adopted and incorporated into the Zoning Ordinance by the Board of Overseers on June 11, 2023. This bookending of the Governance Committee's year reflects the organic nature of governance. No policy or procedure is granite or immovable and receptivity to the singular goal of making matters clearer and reflective of the community's interests is the lodestar of this Committee's work.

In 2023, our focus was not simply on the Zoning Ordinance. The Village's long-standing procedures for obtaining permission for temporary use of public land by private landowners in connection with their home improvement projects were reviewed and revised for clarity and to better communicate what obligations a property owner must be prepared to undertake in exchange for permission to use public property. As a baseline, no storage of any materials or equipment on public property is allowed during the "summer season." Furthermore, proper insurance and indemnification documents must be provided by the homeowners and their general contractor. In most instances, a bond or financial security will be required to cover any necessary restoration to the parks or other public land. If you anticipate beginning a project which will involve the use of or storage on public lands, an information packet and application are available at the Village Office.

Please remember that the Parking Ordinance, Waterfront Ordinances, Fireworks Ordinance, and Dog Waste Ordinance provide simple, cooperative rules and regulations designed to preserve all of our safety, comfort, and enjoyment in Bayside. The voluntary, cooperative compliance with these rules assures that their more stringent enforcement provisions need not be invoked. Let's continue to follow the rules together.



As always, the work of the committee is made pleasurable by those who serve on it. Elaine Moss, Dan Webster, and Jeffrey Wilt are steadfast and reliable. Our audience of active community members is always welcome with their perspectives and insights. We welcome you to join as participants or mere observers.

Judy Metcalf, Chair



Personnel Committee Report

The Personnel Committee was appointed to consolidate and manage NVC personnel responsibilities. Our goal is to be a good employer that tangibly supports and appreciates our employees in the exceptional work they do our community's behalf. We address personnel issues at the macro and micro levels: analyzing staffing needs and budget impacts, developing and revising job descriptions, employing and evaluating regular and seasonal employees, assuring appropriate staff training, updating and developing personnel policies and procedures, managing required employment forms and maintaining personnel files.

The Northport Village Corporation is well-served by these competent, dedicated, resourceful and dependable individuals, who bring unique and valuable experience and perspectives to their work:

Regular Employees

Bill Paige - Village Agent and Utilities Distribution/Collection Operator
Fernie Barton – Treatment Plant Operator
Patricia (“Trish”) Parker – Office Manager
Amy Eldridge – Utility Billing Clerk
Shiloh Field – Office Assistant

2023 Seasonal Employees

Danny Ryosa, Police Officer
Ronin Deschamps, Life Guard
Payton Ward, Life Guard

Utilities Department Superintendent

Water Quality and Compliance Services, Chuck Applebee, Principal Owner

Our multi-year effort to recruit a full-time professional administrator ended in May when Patricia (“Trish”) Parker accepted our employment offer. Trish brings a wealth of welcome administrative, financial and Maine municipal government experience to the Village Corporation. We are delighted with Trish's seamless, efficient and productive transition into our team of dedicated employees.



Committee Members

The Personnel Committee includes Officers and Overseers with responsibilities that impact personnel issues: President Janae Novotny; Wendy Huntoon, Treasurer; Michael Tirrell, Safety Committee Chair; and Jeffrey Wilt, Utilities Committee Chair.

Janae Novotny, Chair



Safety Committee Report

Mission:

The Safety Committee functions in an advisory capacity on issues, rules, regulations, and requirements associated with Bayside public safety. The committee provides the Board of Overseers with input, feedback, and advocacy around safety policy and budgetary priorities.

Members of the Safety Committee include:

Jessica Cohen
Jim Coughlin
Gina Cressey
Maureen “Beanie” Einstein
Lisa Fryer
Jim Huning
Harry Rosenblum
Michael Tirrell (Chair)
Jeffrey Wilt

Police Coverage & Traffic Safety

As it does each year, the committee provided input and feedback on various issues and challenges around the limited police coverage – including how best to prioritize speed monitoring.

Speeding in Bayside is always a priority and it’s more of a pressing issue at the beginning of the season, as the number of visitors grows dramatically. During the Summer of 2022, Bayside’s police officer, Danny Ryosa, stopped a total of 45 drivers for speeding violations. Of that number, he issued 23 tickets and gave 22 warnings.

Speeding concerns and hotspots continue to be a major focus in committee discussions – including a broad advocacy that speeding be addressed by issuing more tickets. The feedback is provided to the police officer and to the Personnel Committee that handles regular oversight of village police coverage priorities.



Police Cruiser

Bayside's police car is still in service but its days are numbered. Jim Coughlin has looked into options for replacing the cruiser with a surplus vehicle purchased from an area municipality. Options could include the village acquiring a cruiser from a police department that is replacing existing/aging cars — or perhaps purchase a retired cruiser from another municipality. The Overseers continue to budget funding toward a new vehicle — and have allocated \$10,000 in the 2024 budget for a new cruiser.

Lifeguard Coverage

Lifeguard coverage was reduced to five days in 2022 and 2023 due to budget limits. However, planning for 2024 includes restoring coverage to seven days due to the Town of Northport's decision to provide funding for an additional two days of coverage.

Throughout the 2022 summer — and into 2023 — the committee has provided input into the lifeguard schedule and coverage, which is formally handled by the Personnel Committee. Additionally, committee members provided regular and precise feedback on dock safety issues and challenges.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

The village has long had one AED device for use in medical emergencies along the waterfront, which the lifeguards are trained to operate. The 2024 budget includes funding for the purchase of an additional device for deployment elsewhere in the village — perhaps in Community Hall.

Wharf & Dock Safety Signage

The committee proposed new signage covering rules of behavior for swimming and fishing on the wharf, swim float, and boat floats. The Wharfmaster and Waterfront Committee, along with Overseers and longtime users of waterfront resources, have provided input into the language covering do's and don'ts.



Parking Ordinance Compliance

Despite many predictions to the contrary, the new Parking Ordinance that details where parking is and isn't allowed has been a compliance home run. The Summer of 2022 was the first full season for the new rules. Danny Ryosa reports that most people were doing their best to understand the new parking regulations and to comply with them. For 2022 and 2023, our practice is to issue warnings for violators as part of an ongoing education and awareness effort.

Michael Tirrell, Chair



Parks and Trees Committee Report

At the end of the summer of 2022 the Trees Committee was given the added responsibility of managing the landscape of the parks, and we became the Bayside Parks and Trees Committee. Our first order of business was to define what that meant to us by revising our Mission Statement. It reads as follows:

The Bayside Parks and Trees Committee oversees Bayside's public parks and public trees. Our mission is to develop and maintain an inventory of Village park and tree resources; to implement effective processes toward their management; to systematically assess the health of these resources; to work to preserve the health of trees, shrubs and public plantings; to replace them when necessary; to work within the guidelines of the Village ordinances to ensure the safety of individuals and property; to support traditions of shared use of public property though we also appreciate that that landscapes change with time.

Last fall we identified two areas of focus for the 2023 summer season:

1. Lower Bayview Park clean up of overgrowth and invasive plants; and
2. Clearing a village pathway from Shore Road to Bluff Road which we are calling the Shore/Bluff connector for now.

Early this season members of the committee and residents did a walk through of the parks to assess needs and priorities. I am pleased to say that all of the parks appear healthy, clean and stable, with no immediate needs. We will be asking for volunteers throughout the summer to help us complete our projects. Please consider volunteering with us, or better yet, join our committee.

We also assessed the health of the five trees planted in 2021 with our tree grant. These trees were tended to by residents over their first winter and, with the exception of the two trees in Ruggles Park, seem to be flourishing. We are watching the trees in Ruggles Park closely. They have dying leaves we believe may be a result of herbicide used for lawn weeds.



I am dismayed to report that the BrownTail Moths have returned to our area. They are not as abundant as we saw three years ago. We are gathering information and will decide on future treatments later in the season.

We are planning to repeat treatment for the Emerald Ash Borer. This is a treatment that is done every two years. Retreatment will be done in the spring of 2024.

We are researching possible treatments for the Beech Leaf Disease that is affecting our Beech trees. It is a disease that progresses slowly but it is definitely in our Bayside Beech trees.

As you can see we have a lot of work to do in a very short season. I would like to acknowledge our committee members. It is a great group of smart, conservation minded and diligent individuals. Please thank them for their efforts when you see them: Lisa Fryer, Bette Woolsey, Alma Homola, Patricia Campbell, Shannon Blaisdell, John Woolsey, John Hoy and Joe Riley.

Victoria L. Matthews, Chair and Tree Warden



Infrastructure Committee Report

This past year has presented infrastructure challenges to our village as we continue to face the effects of climate change: more frequent and more severe storms throughout the year, not just in winter.

The main focus of the Infrastructure Committee has been to record the effects of the storms in our list of projects, to use this information to make priority recommendations, and to recommend the best possible approach for each project as we work to build a climate resilient community. I was appointed Chair of the Infrastructure Committee in March 2023. Between March and May, Village Agent Bill Paige, President Janae Novotny and I met to review infrastructure projects and their priorities, and we had our first Committee meeting in May.

The Committee members are Art Hall, Bill Paige, Bill Haverty, Dan Mooney, Gordon Fuller and John Lojek. I am so grateful to have these guys on the Committee. They are knowledgeable and passionate about the village. In our first meeting, Art volunteered his time to fix some wharf damage, John donated the materials and the job was done that week. This is the sort of group these guys form. I want to say a huge thank you to each one of the Infrastructure Committee members for volunteering their time.

In the first Committee meeting we reviewed the infrastructure priority list that the Overseers had been working on during our budget workshops, we prioritized the fiscal year 2024 infrastructure maintenance items, and we focused mostly on the larger identified project: village-owned shoreline embankment stabilization.

The December 2022 storm, the first of several, worsened the erosion of the village-owned shorelines around Auditorium Park and Bayview Park. Our first response was to have an engineering firm conduct an initial walk-through assessment of the village-owned shorelines. In addition, I also started looking into State and Federal grant opportunities. I attended the Midcoast Council of Governments (MCOG) meeting for Waldo County to learn more about potential grant opportunities available to us.



We are working on two potential grants. With the Town of Northport, we have applied for a Community Resilience Partnership Grant (CRP), through the State of Maine. This is a no-match grant of up to \$50,000. If we are successful, these funds will help us finance the engineering work which is the first crucial step in our shore-line stabilization project. This engineering work involves the following steps: survey, schematic design and planning, civil engineering, and permitting. We have also included in this grant application parts of Shore Road for assessment.

This engineering work, therefore, is what we are proposing to focus on during the next fiscal year.

Looking ahead, and following the engineering firm's work, the next obvious step for our consideration will be the actual shoreline stabilization work and landscaping. In consideration of this stage of the project in 2025, we look forward to working with you, eliciting your thoughts and engagement throughout 2024, so that we can plan accordingly for 2025. The consideration of this large project also entails working on a Capital Investment Plan and, of course, continuing to work with potential grant opportunities where possible to offset the impact of funding these large but vital projects.

The second potential grant opportunity that we have identified is with the Land and Water Conservation Fund. This potential grant would help fund the construction phase of the shoreline stabilization project. We are in the pre-authorization stage of this process which is due end of December 2023. More details about this 2024 grant cycle will be released later this summer.

In light of these potential State and Federal grants, in the 2024 budget we are proposing to start a partnership with the Midcoast Council of Governments (MCOG), which will cost us approximately \$508 annually. With this membership we will be able to have guidance and access to further potential funding and grant opportunities, as well as be able to take advantage of a Cooperative Purchasing Program.



Looking ahead even further into 2026, based off the results of the Community Resilience Workshop held in Northport on June 12, after shoreline stabilization, the second large project mentioned was stormwater drainage management analysis/study throughout the whole of the village and Town, and use of efficient culverts. In our 2024 engagements with you, we will continue to assess the priority of this project with you and work ahead on the recommended approaches, along with potential funding opportunities where we can.

Regarding the grants, I want to stress that we are doing, and will continue to do, the best we can to tap into these grants, but of course nothing is guaranteed. For example, just speaking about the CRP grant, we can see it is getting more and more competitive as more towns are enrolling, and the potential of what we would like to do might just not match what the grantor has in mind. But rest assured, we will do our utmost to receive as much funding as possible.

In closing, I would like to extend a huge thank you to the 42 attendees at the Community Workshop on June 12 at the Northport Fire House, and to the 70-plus people who completed the online Community Resilience Self-evaluation Survey, and of course to the members of the Infrastructure Committee. This community participation is a true testament to the passion of the Bayside community. I very much look forward to our future conversations and actions together as we all work to preserve our beautiful village for years to come.

Celine Bewsher, Chair



Utilities Committee Report

The past year has been one of transition for NVC's Utilities Committee. In August, David Crofoot stepped aside as Chair while remaining an important member of the Utilities Trustees. We thank David for his years of dedicated service to the village as chair of the Utilities Committee. In January we learned our long-time Superintendent was retiring. After a quick but thorough search, capably lead by Brady Brim-DeForest, we appointed Chuck Applebee as our new Superintendent. Chuck leads Water Quality and Compliance Services Inc. which provides similar services to communities including Gardiner and Wiscasset. He oversees a diverse group of licensed professionals and brings a new philosophy to managing our facilities.

Our treatment plant continues to operate well and within the expectations of our license to operate thanks to a dedicated team of professionals including Fernie Barton, Bill Paige and Chuck Applebee. As a reminder, we operate under a license from the Federal EPA and the Maine DEP. Our license includes limits for volume of discharge, and volume and concentration of various components such as Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD), and Total Suspended Solids (TSS). Wastewater undergoes primary treatment involving settling of solids in a series of settling tanks. Wastewater is decontaminated with chlorine and then the chlorine is neutralized chemically before the effluent is discharged to the ocean.

This past year we continued to closely monitor flow volume through our system and levels of BOD (Biological Oxygen Demand) in our wastewater. As you may recall, BOD reflects the strength of dissolved organic substances in our wastewater. To address the BOD issue, the Utilities Department is now utilizing all three treatment trains (all three holding tanks)—effectively using the plant's full capacity. As we determine the best course of action for working within the parameters of our license, the Utilities Trustees have continued the moratorium on new sewer connections. The current six-month moratorium will end in October 2023.

The cost of year-round treatment, a new treatment plant plus updating equipment reaching the end of its useful life continues to place a financial burden on the Wastewater Department. In addition to increased cost of treatment,



the Wastewater Department has started the long process of rebuilding reserves that were completely depleted by the construction costs of the new treatment plant. This financial reality is reflected in recent rate increases. Even with those increases, our rates are in line with other systems of our size. This is part of the cost we bear, as a community, to protect the bay we all love and enjoy.

The Water Department continues to function well, providing an ample supply of good quality water purchased from the Belfast Water Department. Ongoing testing of our potable water for heavy metals and for PFAS has shown no problems in the quality of our water.

We end the year's reflection with good news. The Utilities Department has been awarded two grants from Maine DEP—a \$20,000 climate adaptation planning grant and a \$25,000 fiscal sustainability planning grant. This is a very competitive process. These grants will assist in planning the future of the Utilities Department.

The Utilities Trustees are:

Casey Brown (Trustee)

Brady Brim-DeForest (Trustee & Overseer)

David Crofoot (Trustee)

Judy Metcalf (Trustee & Overseer)

Jeffrey Wilt (Chairman, Trustee & Overseer)

Jeffrey Wilt, Chair



Waterfront Committee Report

Now in its fourth year, the Waterfront Committee, is continuing on its mission to ensure sustainable access to the village waterfront by our ecosystem of users — yachters, boaters, kayakers, canoers, paddleboarders, swimmers, and fishermen and women.

Currently, the committee is composed of Craig Brigham (Wharfmaster), Jim Coughlin (Assistant Wharfmaster), Gordon Fuller (Assistant Wharfmaster), Bill Haverty (Assistant Wharfmaster), and Brady Brim-DeForest (Overseer and Chairperson).

2023 saw the continuation of the mandatory registration of small watercraft, as outlined in the Waterfront Ordinance, including an increase in use fees (which help to offset the costs of maintaining waterfront systems and infrastructure):

- The fee for Dinghies has been raised from \$25 in 2022 to \$40;
- The fee for other Small Watercraft has been increased from \$15 in 2022 to \$20;
- An additional \$5 fee is imposed on non-resident registrations, i.e., those who do not reside in the Town of Northport, or who do not reside or own property within the boundaries of Northport Village Corporation.

The committee would like to remind community members of the following essential guidelines:

- All Dinghies and small Watercraft stored on NVC property must display a current season NVC registration sticker (which can be obtained at the Village office);
- Dinghies tied to the inner or outer floats may not exceed 10' in length and 5.5' in width;
- Dinghies should be clearly marked with the owner's name and phone number;
- No dinghy should be left unattended at the dock boat float for more than 48 hours. If not in regular use, the dinghy should be secured to the out float, moored behind the owner's boat, or beached;



- Dinghies tied to a float that take on rainwater should be bailed immediately as the extra weight puts undo strain on the float system;
- Users of personal watercrafts (such as paddle boards, kayaks, canoes, etc.) who store their vessels on the waterfront should avoid leaving their watercrafts unused on the waterfront for extended periods.

By enforcing these measures and through the cooperative efforts of the boating community, the committee is hopeful of securing a future for our waterfront that is less congested and safer for everyone.

Last year, the committee, in partnership with the Town of Northport Harbor Master, proposed the introduction of no-wake zone buoys in the mooring field. Six no-wake buoys have been purchased by the Town of Northport, and we are expecting installation this summer.

Brady Brim-DeForest, Chair



Village Agent Report

The 2022-23 year again presented challenges to the village that were felt everywhere. We still had supply chain issues that made materials and supplies hard to come by. This year, the cost of everything we buy is up as we felt the inflation hitting everyone. Casual labor was still hard to find. The village is busy all year. Our winter population continues to increase, and cottage sales and cottage improvement projects contributed to the busyness, too.

Although every year has something new, the Village Agent's work has a somewhat predictable rhythm:

- Budget permitting, continue to upgrade and maintain dirt roads and repair and maintain paved roads. Storm drains cleaned out and winter sand purchased in the fall. Plow and sand village streets through the winter until spring.
- Monitor the work of our trash pick-up contractor.
- Work with our new parks mowing contractor to make sure that the parks are raked and cleaned up in the fall and mowed and maintained during the spring and summer.
- Throughout the year, respond to inquiries from private contractors working in the village about building permit process, water and sewer connection issues, location of underground utilities and road issues.
- Work on a variety of projects for the Wastewater Department, fixing equipment that breaks, at least weekly trips to Waterville with testing samples required by our operating license. Dick McElheny retired at the beginning of 2023, and I have worked with Chuck Applebee and his company, Water Quality Compliance Services, Inc, our new Utilities Superintendent, on utilities issues.
- Worked on a variety of Water Department projects, including spring installation and fall removal of water meters, turning water on and off for seasonal water customers, investigating water leaks and monitoring the repairs.
- Manage pulling out and storing the floats for the winter. In the spring, work on float inspection and repair, as needed, and putting them in the water. Managed the annual marine engineer inspection of the wharf.



- Close Community Hall and the Library for the winter and reopen for the summer.
- Worked with Overseers' committees – Governance, Safety, Water front Safety, Infrastructure, Tree and Tree Warden, and Personnel. Keep the Overseers informed about current and future infrastructure repair and replacement needs.
- Supervise the seasonal lifeguards and police officer, and maintain the police cruiser.
- Respond daily to questions and concerns of community members.
- Keep an eye on everything happening in the village.
- Coordinate with Town Road Commissioner about needed repairs and upkeep on Town roads in the village (for example, George Street, Broadway and Bluff Road).

Recent issues:

- We continue to have heavy rains in short periods of time. Each storm results in washout problems on upper Maple Street, Rogers Lane, Oak Street, Park Row and Bayview Park.
- Property owner complaints about water runoff from village roads: Whenever I have an opportunity, I advise property owners who are building new structures or doing major remodels to build their foundations higher than the crest of the road grade to avoid flooding problems. Property owners who ignore this advice then complain that runoff from the road floods their property.
- Through the winter and spring, continued to coordinate with CMP and GWI contractors replacing power and telephone poles and stringing fiber optic cable. The NVC Office will be connected to GWI fiber Internet.
- Worked with Celine Bewsher, Infrastructure Committee Chair, to bring her up to speed on Village infrastructure issues. Worked with the Infrastructure Committee to come up with a comprehensive list of NVC infrastructure needs that we anticipate.
- The new yacht club boat storage area behind the firehouse, pond and garage on Bluff Road seems to be working well.



I want to specially thank these villagers who volunteer their time and skills on village projects throughout the year:

- Paul Overgaag contributed lots of help reading water meters with me, installing the new door to Community Hall and taking care of many needed small repairs.
- Art Hall replaced the Alfred J. Keith Wharf sign and repaired some storm damage to the wharf and causeway.
- Gordon Fuller always makes sure that the Yacht Club sailing school boats are maintained and moved out of the park and village roads as the summer season starts. He takes care of the village dinghy and quietly takes care of things he notices around the waterfront area.
- Steve Kaziliones repaired park benches.
- Rob Sherman took care of miscellaneous needed carpentry projects.
- Janae Novotny helped me with water meter reading and other projects.

William Paige, Village Agent



Technology Officer Report

The Technology Officer is a relatively new role for the Northport Village Corporation, being appointed by President Novotny at the start of her 2021-2022 term. Presently, the remit of the Technology Officer includes oversight over:

- Technology infrastructure (including communications, information delivery, and data storage systems);
- Village information technology security;
- Technology, security, and data policies and compliance;
- Technical support for the NVC staff and Overseers.

Now in its second year, we've continued to make meaningful strides towards improving village technology infrastructure and systems.

Some of our accomplishments include:

- Installation of video surveillance for the NVC Office;
- Rollout of a comprehensive file storage and organization system for NVC staff;
- Rollout of an equipment tracking and inventory process;
- Upgrade of computer equipment for village staff;
- Acquisition of new video conferencing equipment to be installed this year.

Going into the next year, I will be focused on:

- Finalizing new village policies for technology security and acceptable use for Overseer approval;
- Transitioning to Google Meet from Zoom for public meetings;
- Rolling out the new NVCMaine.gov domain;
- Exploring a bill pay capability for online payment of NVC fees.

Brady Brim-DeForest, Technology Officer



Wharfmaster Report

Welcome to the Northport Village Waterfront. This report regards the activities of the year 2022. Great weather, great activities and great fun for everyone. The Waterfront provides activities for sunbathing, swimming, fishing, boating, picnicking, strolling, and even a playground and equipment. Parking for cars is provided as well as short term storage of personal watercraft (kayaks, canoes, paddleboards, etc.) and tie-ups for dinghies. A lot of use is provided by the village within this area.

We had an increase of personal watercraft storage and dinghy tie-ups over the previous year. In fact, the demand for these services has increased every year in recent history. The NVC is finding the ability to meet this demand costly. In order to continue to provide space for dinghy and personal watercraft, the NVC determined the need to raise the permit fees in 2023. These funds will be funneled into future replacement of the boat floats and maintenance of the waterfront and wharf. Everyone can ease the burden on these areas by removing their personal watercraft from the waterfront when not in regular use and by relocating their dinghy to the outer float if not in use within 48 hours. Many have helped in this manner, yet many have yet to understand the need.

The Cradle Park (between Clinton and Pleasant St.) was closed to boat and trailer storage in 2022 and remains closed for the foreseeable future. This area has been redesignated as vehicle parking. Those that have guests or confined parking can utilize this area for their needs. There are parking laws regarding street parking. Also, when boating for overnight passages, please park vehicles in the Cradle Park rather than at the Waterfront.

At this time (June) new signage is planned at the Cradle Park, the personal watercraft storage area, the boat float, and the wharf to help everyone understand their responsibilities when using these services. The NVC is trying to reduce the need for signage but in these areas it still seems necessary.



A lifeguard is stationed on the Wharf five days a week through the summer. Beyond the duties of saving lives, to the lifeguard maintains order on the wharf. The lifeguard is given the authority to ensure everyone is safe on the wharf as well as in the water. Read the Northport Village Waterfront Ordinances and please abide by them.

Please remember this is NVC property, we need to respect the requirements of using the waterfront and work together to make this an enjoyable area for all.

Craig Brigham, Wharfmaster



Bayside Arts Report

Bayside Arts was founded in 2016 to help implement the NVC Charter that states, in part, that the NVC is authorized “to contribute from time to time to features of an entertaining or athletic nature during the months of June, July, and August of any year, which ... shall be free to all of the owners of real estate within the corporate territory [and] to license entertainments of a character not forbidden by law.”

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all our members and donors who help make the Bayside Arts summer season a success, to volunteers who provide essential services, and, especially, to performers who share their talents with our community.

This year we have been able to present a number of fine events:

- Liz Thorpe’s cheese tasting and lecture,
- World of Wonder by Leland Faulkner,
- Spirited Irish music by House of Hamill and
- The ever popular “Dancing Under the Stars.”

And still to come:

- A lecture on the Renaissance Art of Armor,
- A return visit by The Lake Trio,
- And possibly a play featuring Bayside’s young theatrical talent (as of this writing, this event is still in the preliminary planning stages—stay tuned.)

As well, a special thanks to Jessica Cohen for another successful season of movies for the entire family.

In my report last year, I failed to mention the wonderful exhibit of Dick Brockway’s miniature Bayside models, surely a highlight of that season for everyone. Many Bayside residents volunteered their time to “sit the exhibit” for the hours it was open, and Bayside Arts provided refreshments for the opening reception, which coincided with the visit of many of Dick’s relatives who came to Bayside to gather in celebration of Dick’s life and works.



We look forward to another season in 2024 and we would welcome anyone who would like to join with our team to help make it happen. We always need people to help with publicity, and we especially need volunteers to help with the technical aspects of putting on a show. You do not have to already possess the know-how to execute these tasks—if there are people interested in lights, scenery, sound, special effects, etc., we will provide training and will greatly appreciate your participation in our efforts.

This year, we face a number of challenges that we must overcome in order to continue offering programs to the community. A new financial challenge—due to a requirement that we provide our own liability insurance, we had to operate under a deficit budget this year for the first time ever. We are looking into ways to meet this challenge.

Bill Cressey, President



Bayside Historical Preservation Society

The BHPS has some exciting new initiatives this year. BHPS would like to welcome our new treasurer, Helen Pelletier, and new board member Bob Stetser. Helen has taken over the job from long-time treasurer Heidi Von Bergen. Thanks to Heidi for all her years of great service to the BHPS! Helen and member Amro El-Jaroudi have revamped our membership page and website to make it easier to become a member, make a donation, and communicate with the BHPS. Thanks to both of you!!! We also welcome Robyn Tamura as our new secretary! Robyn will replace long time secretary Pam Williams. Thanks to Pam for her service!

Once again, BHPS and Bayside Arts will sponsor the community dance on the basketball court this summer. BHPS will continue its support of the Northport Food Pantry and its work in the community and the work that Patty Wright and Tim Samway do within Bayside for the Pantry.

Another exciting opportunity happening this summer, sponsored by Marcella Christiansen and the BHPS, is a cottage book-making workshop to be held in the Community Hall. At this workshop, community members will be able to use their own photos, drawings and objects to make a variety of types of books about their cottage. Marcella will provide some creative examples of what can be done.

Once again, Rob and Joy Sherman are organizing, with the help of BHPS, the annual "Collectors Day" held in the Community Hall. A new feature added by Rob and Joy is an area where younger members of our community can show off their collections- no matter how big or small.

Vicky Webster and Robyn Tamura have volunteered to organize a "welcome wagon" operation to help new members to the community get to know their neighbors, organizations and activities in Bayside. They are interested in like-minded people who would like to help them formulate a plan and gather materials. Contact Joe Reilly (jpvreilly@aol.com) if you'd like to help.



One exciting thing that happened this winter is that Art Hall and his wife, Sandy, took it upon themselves to rehabilitate the aging historical signs around the village that Dick Brockway made so many years ago. While in the midst of the project, Art noticed that the Al Keith sign on the dock also needed some attention. Art immediately added that sign to his job list. He made a brand new one! The BHPS will proudly hang the old sign in our Museum, Shady Grove, on Pleasant Street. When you walk around the Village notice Art's work! Art not only fixed breaks but completely replaced some of the signs. Using the research done by Bob Stetser and Fred Lincoln, Art will also be making a new sign explaining this historical significance of the cement block in Ruggles Park. Please make sure to thank Art and Sandy for a job well done when you see them!

During the third week of August, Kevin Johnson from the Penobscot Marine Museum in Searsport will present a program entitled, "Then and Now," featuring photographs from the archives of the Penobscot Marine Museum. He will use Eastern Illustrated glass plate negatives to look at how things have changed in the Belfast area and specifically in Bayside. His presentation will be preceded by the BHPS annual meeting.

Beverly Crofoot curated the BHPS special exhibition, "From There to Here," on view throughout the summer in the Community Hall meeting room. Don't miss this special exhibition, pulled from the BHPS collections, of photographs, maps, and excerpts from oral histories illustrating how residents made the journey each summer to Bayside.

Officers: President, Joe Reilly; Vice President, Beverly Crofoot; Treasurer, Helen Pelletier; Secretary, Robyn Tamura.

Board of Directors:

Marjorie Crowley, Fred Lincoln, Harry Rosenblum, Joy Sherman, Bob Stetser, Lisa Webster.

Joe Reilly, President



Bayside Library Report

The Bayside library is located on the corner of George and Griffin Streets. The library has both a children's room and an adult room, It is open seasonally from around Memorial Day to Indigenous People's Day and daily from around 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Books circulate on an honor system basis. Jen Lannan offers a weekly children's story hour on Wednesdays. Donations of books by members of the Bayside community make the library possible, and the community continues to give the library its enthusiastic support and use.

The library is managed by volunteers who open and close, sort and shelve, clean and maintain. Members of the 2022 team were: Suellyn Fleming, Jen Lannan, Jennika Lundy, Sea Chauvin and Heidi Van Bergan.

A special thank you is due to the Samways whose generous contributions keep the library full of current titles and the gardens looking beautiful.

Jennika Lundy, Director of Library Operations



Northport Yacht Club Report

The Northport Yacht Club, founded in 1939, continues to serve as a hub for more than 200 families each summer, where friends reconnect after the long winter, social responsibility is embraced through charitable and educational activities, and generations learn boating and seamanship. The Northport Yacht Club is all about its many volunteers.

We are in our 84th year and look forward to continuing our partnership with other community organizations to perpetuate what Bayside is: a community that is beyond special. This past year the sailing school continued to thrive and the social events calendar was jam-packed. The sailing school has moved to online registration (with great success) and we continue to mentor and guide our young sailors and blossoming instructors.

It was our honor to present Diana Eastty with our 2022 Fred T. Martin Member of the Year Award for her leadership and outstanding work with the merchandising portion of NYC. I learned long ago that when Diana has an idea she wants to pursue, the answer should always be “yes, please do it” and then make sure you know when the item is going to be released, as they always sell out quickly.

Last but certainly not least, it was a privilege to honor Jim Facey with the 2022 Kathy Crowley Fuller “Unsung Hero” Award. Jim tirelessly works both in the spotlight and behind the scenes to ensure that things run smoothly at the yacht club. Whether it is acting as a club historian, organizing the summer cruise, or publishing the wonderful TellTale, Jim seems to have a hand in just about everything that makes the yacht club such a special community.



For Summer 2023, it's been a pleasure to see Bayside — and specifically the Northport Yacht Club — come together again with a full calendar of sailing, social events, and fun with friends — new and old.

NYC Board of Directors 2022-2023

Emerson Smith - Commodore
Dave Leaming – Vice Commodore
Lisa Webster – Rear Commodore
Gordon Fuller - Fleet Captain
Karen Trasatti - Secretary
Craig Brigham - Treasurer
Lisa Berry - Director
Jim Facey - Director
Chris Lewton - Director
Ryan Fryer - Director
Bryan Field - Director

Emerson Smith, Commodore



Clerk's Report of 2022 Annual Meeting

CLERK'S REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE NORTHPORT VILLAGE CORPORATION

AUGUST 9, 2022

The Annual Meeting of the Northport Village Corporation was held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in Ruggles Park with 142 registered 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 2021 Annual Meeting had been included in the Annual Report, which was published more than two weeks before this meeting.

Prior to the nomination of a Moderator, the Clerk asked that we take a moment to remember those family members, friends and neighbors who had passed away in the last year.

Bernadette (Bernie) M. Bartlett
Franklin "Bob" A. W. Field
Richard "Dick" Lagner
Adelaide Evelyn (Barrock) Lincoln
Patricia Ann "Patti Ann" Lord.
Ambia M. Smith
Richard Judd "Dick" Brockway
Frederick "Fritz" Homans

Article 1: To choose a Moderator, by written ballot, to preside at said meeting. Blair Einstein, representing the Nominating Committee, nominated Lee Woodward. There were no nominations from the floor. Lee Woodward was elected Moderator of the Annual Meeting. The Moderator took the Oath of Office from the Clerk.

The Moderator welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting and reminded everyone in order to vote at this meeting they had to register and receive a blue voting card.



Article 2: President's Report

Janae Novotny thanked Bill Paige, Gordon Fuller, Blair Einstein, John Spritz, Chris Lewton, Cathy Nyes, Jim Facey, Stephen Wright, Sheila Bauer, Jim and Cathy Ross, Fred Lincoln and Judy Metcalf for setting up the tables and chairs from the Community Hall in the park prior to the meeting.

Janae thanked outgoing Overseer, Lisa Fryer, for her service as an Overseer. Lisa has been an integral part and chair of the Communications Committee that got the NVC website up and running. Lisa also served as Chair of the Tree Committee and as Tree Warden!

She encouraged the voters to read the Annual Report from cover to cover to see all the hard work that has been done by the Overseers, community members and staff. Encouraged the villagers to stay up-to-date throughout the year. The Overseers' meeting and most committee meetings can be attended via Zoom. She also encouraged the villagers to participate year-round by joining a committee, Yacht Club, etc.

This year's Annual Report is dedicated to the linchpin of Bayside – Bill Paige. The dedication to Bill begins on Page 3 of the Annual Report.

The President's Report begins on Page 14 of the Annual Report.

Article 3: Treasurer's Report

Wendy Huntoon's Treasurer's Report begins on Page 17 of the Annual Report. She reminded the voters that all Financial Reports are available on line at nvcmaine.org as well as posted on the BaysideMaine.com website.

Article 4: To see what sums of money the Northport Village Corporation will raise and appropriate for the following accounts for the fiscal year 2023.



OVERSEERS PROPOSED BUDGET

Expenses

Administration	\$ 45,458.00
Employee Wages and Benefits	\$ 72,119.00
Building and Utilities	\$ 21,901.00
Roads	\$ 37,000.00
Community	\$ 95,603.00
Protection and Safety	\$ 33,470.00
Long Term Debt Service	\$123,589.00
Other Expenditures	<u>\$ 10,000.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$439,140.00

Total Funds to be Raised **\$439,140.00**

The funds will be raised as follows: At the Town of Northport Annual Meeting on June 6, 2022, as part of the warrants of the Town’s Annual Meeting, the Town voted to raise, appropriate and expend funds for the Northport Village Corporation in the amount of \$6,000 for roads, \$12,000 for wharfs and floats, and \$7,000 to be expended on parks (\$25,000 total) for municipal services provided by the Village which benefit the town. The Northport Village Corporation expects to raise \$7,700 from other revenue (\$3,000 Utility rent; \$200 Interest; \$1,500 Community Hall Rental; \$3,000 Watercraft Registration). The balance (\$406,440.00) to be raised from the Northport Village Corporation property tax.

The Moderator said he would entertain a motion to adopt Article 4 as printed. Harry Rosenblum moved that the Treasurer’s Report be approved as printed, seconded by Bill Weisenbach.

VOTED – Article 4 was overwhelmingly adopted as printed.

Janae Novotny referred to the insert in the Annual Report with the 2023 Proposed Budget and the Summary of the Proposed 2023 Budget expenses.



President Janae Novotny, Fred Lincoln, Jeffrey Wilt, Michael Tirrell and Treasurer Wendy Huntoon spoke regarding the necessity of the increased expenses.

The proposed tax rate increase would be \$4.47 per thousand dollars of assessed value.

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 \$406,440.00 in anticipation of 2022 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.

Financial Statement

1. Total Village Indebtedness

A. Total bonds outstanding and unpaid as of 12/31/2021	\$2,572,829
B. Total bonds authorized and issued	\$ 764,100
C. Bonds to be issued if this article is approved	\$ 406,440
(NOTE: This bond would replace \$264,100 of the sum included in line B)	<u>(\$ 264,100)</u>
Total	\$3,743,369

2. Costs

At an estimated rate of 2.9% for a term of one year, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$ 406,440
Interest	\$ 11,787
Total Debt Service	\$ 418,227



3. Validity

The validity of the voters’ ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue differs from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

The Moderator said he would entertain a motion to adopt Article 5 as written. Harry Rosenblum moved the Article, seconded by Bette Woolsey, that Article 5 be adopted as printed.

Wendy Huntoon noted that there was a misprint in Article 5 printed as “in anticipation of 2022 taxes” which should be changed to read “**in anticipation of 2023 taxes**”.

Wendy Huntoon explained Article 5.

The moderator said he would entertain a motion to amend Article 5 to refer to “**in anticipation of 2023 Taxes**”. Harry Rosenblum moved, seconded by Bette Woolsey, to approve Article 5 as amended.

Voted – Article 5 was overwhelmingly adopted as amended.

Article 6: To see if the Northport Village Corporation will vote to authorize a majority of the Overseers of the Corporation to borrow on behalf of the Northport Village Corporation a principal amount not to exceed \$500,000, and to issue and sell general obligation bonds or notes of the Northport Village Corporation for that purpose and/or to expend funds from accumulated surpluses (the combined borrowing and use of surplus funds not to exceed \$500,000) for replacement and repair of 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 Village Corporation or repairs of roads owned by the Village Corporation, such bonds and notes to be issued upon such further terms or conditions as may be determined by a majority 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.

Financial Statement

1. Total Village Indebtedness

A. Total bonds outstanding and unpaid as of 12/31/2021	\$ 2,572,829
B. Total bonds authorized and unissued	\$ 764,100
C. Bonds to be issued if this article is approved	\$ 500,000
(NOTE: This bond would replace \$500,000 of the sum included in line B)	<u>(\$ 500,000)</u>
Total	\$ 3,336,929

2. Costs

At an estimated rate of 4.0% for a term of 20 years, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principle:	\$ 500,000
Interest:	<u>\$ 235,813</u>
Total Debt Service	\$ 735,813



3. Validity

The validity of the voters’ ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue differs from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Wendy Huntoon explained the Article.

The Moderator said he would entertain a motion to approve Article 6 as printed. Harry Rosenblum moved, seconded by Bill Cressey, to approve Article 6 as printed.

Voted – Article 6 was overwhelmingly adopted as printed.

Article 7: To fix a rate of interest on taxes delinquent after September 1, 2022 equal to that charged by the Town of Northport.

Janae Novotny said the rate of interest would be 4%.

The Moderator said he would entertain a motion to adopt Article 7 as printed. Bill Weisenbach moved, seconded by Bill Cressey, to adopt Article 7 as printed.

Voted – Article 7 was overwhelmingly adopted as printed

Article 8: To see if the Village will vote to use reserves to fund the 2023 interest payment on the \$1.6MM Seawall Bond in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. The Seawall Bond was authorized at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Wendy Huntoon explained Article 8.

The Moderator said he would entertain a motion to adopt Article 8 as printed. Harry Rosenblum moved, seconded by Bill Weisenbach, to approve Article 8 as printed.



Voted – Article 8 was overwhelmingly adopted as printed.

Article 9: To approve the proposed changes to the Bylaws.

Judy Metcalf explained the proposed changes to the Bylaws. The Governance Committee used Maine Municipal Association (MMA) as a template for remote participation for meetings. On Page 3 of the Bylaws: *“The vote of the Overseers participating by telephone or video shall be recorded as a valid vote on all motions before the Board of Overseers.”* On Page 4 of the Bylaws: Added the following Committees to be appointed at the first organizational meeting after the Annual Meeting: *Parks and Trees Committee; Waterfront Committee; Governance Committee; and Communications Committee.*

The Moderator said he would entertain a motion to approve the amended Bylaws as printed. Dan Webster moved, seconded by Bette Woolsey, to approve the proposed Bylaws changes as printed.

Voted – Article 9 was overwhelmingly adopted as printed.

Article 10: To see if the Northport Village Corporation will vote to authorize a majority of the Overseers of the Corporation to use the balance of revenues in excess of expenses at the end of 2022 for improvements to Village Corporation infrastructure and/or for support in providing entertainment and cultural events and the facilities therefore in the Village.

Dan Webster made a motion to strike: *“for support in providing entertainment and cultural events and the facilities therefore in the Village”*, seconded by Harry Rosenblum.

Judy Metcalf explained the Article.

Hearing no more questions or comments from the floor, the Moderator called for a vote on the motion to amend Article 10.

Voted – To amend Article 10 was overwhelmingly rejected; Article 10 was adopted as printed.



Article 11: To see if the Village will vote to authorize the Overseers to establish rules and regulations, from time to time, addressing the use, protection, and preservation of Village owned assets in the interest of the Village and public safety of its residents, after public hearings on any such rules and regulations.

Judy Metcalf explained the Article.

The Moderator said he would entertain a motion to approve Article 11. Bill Cressey moved, seconded by Harry Rosenblum, to approve Article 11 as printed.

Voted – Article 11 was overwhelmingly adopted as printed.

Article 12: To elect, by written ballot, a Clerk for the NVC for a term of 3 years.

Moderator Woodward asked the Nominating Committee if there was a nomination for Clerk. Blair Einstein, representing the Nominating Committee, nominated Maureen Einstein. There were no nominations from the floor. Moderator Woodward asked the Committee to cast two written ballots for Maureen Einstein.

Article 13: To elect, by written ballot, 2 Overseers for the NVC for 3-year terms and to elect by written ballot 1 Overseer for the completion of a 3-year term that expires in August 2023 and has been currently filled by an Overseer appointed due to resignation.

Moderator Woodward asked the Nominating Committee if there were nominees for the two Overseers position for a three-year term. Bill Cressey, representing the Nominating Committee, said there were three nominees for two positions:

1) Celine Bewsher, 2) Fred Lincoln, and 3) Elaine Moss.

He informed the voters that a Candidates Forum had been held prior to the Annual Meeting with all three nominees in attendance on a Zoom meeting.



Moderator Woodward asked if there were any additional names to place into nomination and if there were any questions from the floor. Hearing none, he asked for a vote, by written ballot, for two Overseers for three-year terms. The Moderator reiterated that eligible voters can vote for less than two Overseers but not more than two. Any voter with a blue voting card is eligible to cast a ballot. Four Ballot Clerks were appointed: Jim Facey, Ryan Fryer, Jim Huning and Laura Tubio.

The two candidates elected for three-year terms for Overseer were:

Celine Bewsher
Fred Lincoln

Moderator Woodward asked the Nominating Committee if there were any nominees for the completion of a three-year term that expires in August 2023 and has been currently filled by Overseer appointment due to resignation.

Amanda Hickman, representing the Nominating Committee, nominated Jeffrey Wilt. Moderator Woodward asked if there were any additional names to place into nomination and if there were any questions from the floor. Hearing none, he asked for two written ballots to be cast for Jeffrey Wilt. Jeffrey Wilt was elected Overseer for a one-year term.

Article 14: Reports of Committees

Communications: Lisa Fryer & Michael Tirrell's report is on Page 19 of the Annual Report.

Finance: Wendy Huntoon's (Treasurer) report is on Page 21 of the Annual Report.

Governance: Judy Metcalf's report begins on Page 22 of the Annual Report.

Personnel: Janae Novotny's report begins on Page 24 of the Annual Report.

Playground (ad-hoc): Brady Brim-DeForest's report begins on Page 26 of the Annual Report.

Safety: Michael Tirrell's report begins on



Page 28 of the Annual Report.

Trees: Lisa Fryer's, Chair & Tree Warden) report in on Page 30 of the Annual Report.

Utilities: David Crofoot's report begins on Page 31 of the Annual Report.

Waterfront: Jeffrey Wilt's report begins on Page 33 of the Annual Report.

Technology: Brady Brim-Deforest's report is on Page 38 of the Annual Report.

Wharfmaster: Craig Brigham's report is on Page 39 of the Annual Report.

Bayside Arts: Bill Cressey's report is on Page 40 of the Annual Report.

Bayside Historical Preservation Society: Joe Reilly's report begins on Page 41 of the Annual Report.

Bayside Library: Jennika Lundy's report is on Page 43 of the Annual Report.

Northport Yacht Club: Emerson Smith's report begins on Page 44 of the Annual Report.

Villager Comments:

Sidney Block was recognized. He updated the Villagers on Nordic Aqua Farms. Harriet Hartley and Upstream Watch continue to persevere; decisions/outcomes remain in Court. Any donations to either entity are welcome and encouraged.

The Moderator entertained a motion to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Maureen Einstein, Clerk



Outstanding Taxes

As of May 31, 2023

Tax Year 2022

BOSK, SARAH RACKLIFFE	\$ 296.46
BUTTERS, JAMES & SANDRA	\$ 642.88
CATES, LINDSEY	\$ 1,127.88
CLARK, KIMBERLY	\$ 740.15
DESMARAIS, STEPHEN	\$ 861.73
FISCHER, SHARON	\$ 747.81
HAYWARD, WILBER JR. & RACHAEL M.	\$ 545.28
HOIKALA, KAREN	\$ 608.24
PARSONS, STUART J (TRUSTEE)	\$ 1,827.05
RACKLIFFE, PETER J	\$ 670.86
TOTAL	\$ 8,068.34

Tax Year 2021

FISCHER, SHARON	<u>\$ 664.07</u>
TOTAL	\$ 664.07



Building & Plumbing Permits

Here listed are the permits issued for the NVC in the Town of Northport:

26 Building permits;

The breakdown is as follows:

- 11 Additions
 - 1 Solar installation
 - 2 Garage
 - 3 New Dwelling Unit
 - 4 Sheds
 - 2 Stairs
 - 2 Shoreline Stabilization
 - 1 Playset
- 8 Plumbing permits
- 6 Internal permits
- 2 Subsurface wastewater disposal system

Toupie Rooney
Code Enforcement Officer
Local Plumbing Inspector
Town of Northport



In Memoriam

We remember dear family and friends who have passed in the last year:

Ann Blain Bixler
Charles Wandell Gerry
Judith L. Stitt
Phyllis “Jean” Thorndike
Warren Dyer
Cleo H. Alley
Peter Anthony Couture
Howard Pierce “Buck” Sawyer III
Mary Ellen (Short) Conner
Julian Cannell
Amos W. Kimball
Honora Frances Samway
Alden Badershall

