

Northport Village Corporation

October 14, 2018

Overseers Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

President: John Spritz

Village Agent: William Paige

Office Manager: Amy Eldridge

Overseers

Judy Metcalf

Dick Brockway

Vicky Matthews

Lee Houghton

Wendy Huntoon

Michael Lannan- phone

Michael Tirrell

Visitors: Tim Samway, Gordon Fuller, Paul Overgaag, Ned Lightner, Charles Gerry, and Blair Einstein.

Meeting Called to order: John S. called the meeting to order at 9:07 am

Approval of Minutes: Vicky M. moved to approve the September and August Minutes. Michael T. seconded the motion, 5 approved, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstained.

Questions/issues from Bayside Residents and meeting attendees: Paul Overgaag (One North Street) would like to be a part of the solution for the erosion problem at the North St. bank. He also would like some feedback on what the Overseers thoughts are about the fish farm and if there is going to be any action. John S. recommended that he follow up with the infrastructure committee about the erosion and proposed resolutions. Wendy H. mentioned that the Utility department is following the Nordic Aqua Farm transaction. David Crofoot has been attending the public meetings and the Utilities Department is actively involved to understand the discharge into the bay. John S. would like the Utilities department to inform the Overseers of any concerns or issues that may come up during the Nordic Aqua Farm transition. Tim Samway clarified that the last public meeting was for discharge and the length of the pipes. Michael L. reported there are no regulations for fish farms and that is what they are working on now which is a concern for him.

Gordon Fuller on George St. is concerned with the plowing in the winter. He is curious why we don't plow down Pleasant St. to keep it open in the winter and would like to know how street lights are determined. Judy M. reported both plowing and streetlights are expenditures which need to be approved every year. Any increase in plowing and additional street lights must be evaluated in the context of: the will of the residents to bear higher cost. Bill P. mentioned that if you plow Pleasant Street you would need to sand it as well.

Ned Lightner reported that the light going out onto the dock blocks the night sky as currently configured. John S. mentioned that lights down at the dock are to help view unwanted activity. The

light in question is at the base of the causeway. Ned L. mentioned that Belfast had an issue and they put on a shade. Ned L. will check with the Harbormaster of Belfast to see if he has any suggestions and will research this further. Tim Samway would like to be included as a part of the executive session and John S. approved his request.

Charles Gerry introduced himself as the owner of the property of 23 Griffin St. He knows there is a small part of the land title to which is questionable so he had a land survey completed. He has reached out to Mrs. Tabb to determine a neighborly solution because of the findings on his survey. The deed shows he owns the property to the end of Griffin and George and he would like to see if there is an opportunity to have a green space at the corner of Griffin and George of which he would pay for. Judy M asked if he had resurveyed the property since the last survey which confirms that as a matter of record, the village owns a portion of the land. She also would like if he could provide the pictures of a former cottage at that location as he reported he has. Charles was encouraged to share as much information as possible with the Overseers and reminded that any decision would need to be up to the villagers as a whole. The overseers would like him to keep in touch with all neighbors. Michael L. mentioned that the permit was not where it could be easily seen. Charles Gerry mentioned that it was on a tree on the lot due to the lack of available structure.

Report of the President: John S. reported that in the absence of the treasurer, he circulated the warrants for the Overseers to sign. He mentioned that the winter office hours are in effect and will decrease to Sunday 9-1, Wednesday 2-6 pm, Friday 9-1. He also would like Amy to get a local gift card for the person that help Bill P. with the sand and salt in the winter.

Report of the Treasurer: John S. went over the Treasurer's Report that was previously provided to the Overseers by Steve. K. He expressed that any issues will need to be resolved with Steve K directly. Wendy H expressed that we will be over the budget for the Police wages because of reports that need to be filed and court cases that Officer Boucher will need to attend over the year. Bill P. expressed that the "police other" budget line pertained to the safe that was purchased.

Judy M. moved that we approved Purdy Powers to be the auditors; Lee H. seconded the motion, 6 Approved, 0 Opposed, and 0 Abstained.

Judy M. reported that the Utilities Department proposed 2019 budget was complete and they would like to have it approved by the Overseers. **Wendy H. moved to approve the Utilities Department budget, Judy M. seconded the motion. 6 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained.**

Report of the Village Agent: Bill P. reported that he has been working with the Town of Northport to determine the boundary line of the village. After the meeting the Town of Northport mentioned that they would like to get an official map of the village. The Town of Northport has people say that they are not in the village when they are. John S. will have a map provided to Bill P.

Dock repairs are all done and the preventative maintenance was put on hold until next year. Bill P. has been working with Steve K. to come up with a better budget amount for the wharf. The amount will be higher because of work that needs to be done on the boat and swim float. He also mentioned that the ropes on the pilings need to be replaced. The trim boards on the Community Hall and the electrical

work are being worked on. All of the floats are out and are in good shape. The ramp on the boat float will need some repair. The signs for Auditorium Park are in and the new police cruiser is here and the only thing that needs work was the radio. The old cruiser needs to have the decals removed and the Overseers previously approved the sale of the old cruiser. Bill P. has two people that are interested in the old cruiser.

The roads have been started and the company has been working all week on West St. and Clinton St. Upper Maple St. may take a little longer because of a sewer line. Bill P. also reported logs on the beach at Auditorium Park are making it hard to access the stairs. He may need to do a cleanup in the spring to clear the way. Gordon F. mentioned that occasionally debris gets washed up in that area and as a Wharf Master he receives calls and would like to know the process for the future on how this is handled or what needs to be done when it occurs. Bill P. reported that they don't usually do anything in case it impacts many people.

The new fire hydrant is in Merithew Square. The hydrant is high at the moment but they want the hydrant to settle and next spring the can grass the area. The metal pilings are high so in the winter the plow guys can see them which will protect the hydrant.

The Fence down in Merithew Square needs to be updated and maybe some volunteers could be recruited to assist in the repair the fence.

Dick B. expressed that when Bill P. gets assigned a task which is approved by the Overseers. Dick B. notices that tasks are postponed or change because of the budget. He feels that the Overseers should come up with a budget to cover the task so it doesn't effect the task being completed.

Office Manager Report: Amy E. reported the November Utilities Billing will be the 15th which will be due in December. She also mentioned upcoming dates where the office hours would be modified. Vicky M. would like a recap of the Community Hall activity for the November meeting.

Communications Report: Judy M. reported this month they made sure that Ned L. had a list of overseers meetings for the next year. Judy M. also reported that the Governance committee will need to have another notice put in the paper before the overseers can vote on the new ordinance. She will work with Amy to make that happen.

Finance Committee Report: Judy M. nothing to report at this time.

Governance Committee: Judy M. reported the committee was going to have the Overseers approve the new Zoning Ordinance today, however, they have one more meeting that needs to occur before the Overseers can provide approval. Vicky M. was wondering when the tree ordinance needs to be submitted to the Governance Committee. Judy M. advised Vicky M. that she could submit her proposal when the Tree Committee is ready.

Infrastructure Committee Report: Michael L. reported that Prock is doing a peer review of the 4 ideas for the seawall. The peer review was to make sure the cost were consistent with the 4 designs that were presented over the summer. Lee H. has been involved in the seawall process and he concluded that if we go with a rip rap design then the sand on the beach may wash away at which time

there will be no sand for a beach. Lee H. reminded everyone that the rip rap on the other side of the wharf has not evolved a beach like the seawall side did. The Infrastructure also had received a quote from Paul Bernacki for the erosion down on North St. A “tootsie roll” repair was discussed and Paul Bernacki provided good ideas to resolve the erosion but in conclusion the Infrastructure would get a second quote from another person. The Infrastructure would like an action from the Overseers about the firewood pile which is in the right of way. Dick B. will have a discussion with the owner of the wood pile to determine a resolution. Dick B. also mentioned the parking spot is within their right to do as the home owner wants. The Overseers would like to see the survey from Paul Overgaag for his land to help determine the appropriate resolution.

The wharf is not designed to hold a lot of dinghies and Mike L. would like to make a motion that the Governance Committee oversee and direct that the Yacht Club to come up with a solution of the crowding of the boat floats by Labor Day of 2019. . Wendy H. request that the discussion be held until after the Safety Committee Report.

Safety committee Report: Wendy H. reported that they had a successful season they spoke about both hiring both life guards back for the 2019 season. Wendy H provided a recap of Officer Boucher end of season report. Office Boucher stopped a total of 89 motor vehicle that resulted in 9 citations being written. 7 for speeding, 1 for Operating after Suspension and 1 for Open Alcohol Container. He also had criminal cases of which 1 for drug possession, 3 for operating without license, 1 for operating unregistered motor vehicle and 1 for a bail violation. Office Boucher also reported that dispatch had a total of 93 Calls for service which was more than the 50 calls for service that he received in 2015. Wendy H. expressed that there is a continued concern about speeding in the off season of which the Safety Committee recommends purchasing 2 more speed signs to help. The Safety Committee also recommends getting the letter from the Yacht Club so she can provide their recommendations to the overseers in November. The Safety Committee also recommends getting a ladder for the outgoing boat float.

Town Liaison Report: John S. reported that at the August meeting the Overseers would have a rotating Town Liaison for the Town of Northport. The Town Liaison is a position that makes a presence and has a relationship with the town of which Bill P., Amy E., and Steve K. already has that relationship and we may not need a Town Liaison to represent the Village. Vicky M. mentioned that if more of a presence is needed at any time she would be happy to be there. Lee H. would like to still have a liaison of which Blair Einstein reported that in the past the liaison would attend occasional meetings or when really needed. John S. will contact Barbara Ashley to let her know about the Town Liaison for the Village.

Utility Committee Report: Judy M. reported that the Overseers need to approve 2 Applications, 1 on Oak St. and 1 on Bluff Rd which were submitted in September but were not acted upon by the Overseers due to the cancellation of the September Overseers meeting. **Judy M. moved to ratify the approval by the President, in anticipation of Overseer approval, seconded by Lee H. 6 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained.**

Tree Warden Report: Vicky M reported that she spoke with Richard Lermond about trees in the

village. The following trees were recommended to be taken down. One tree by the Museum, one tree on Pleasant Lane, and the birch tree in Cradle Row. He is going to get back to Vicky M. on prices of which if the cost is within budget she will work to get them removed. She also mentioned a tree in Blaisdell Park that by the Smits place that they would like to see be taken down. Vicky M. spoke with the arborist and the tree in Blaisdell Park is fine for now and is not a priority but if the Smits would like to pay for taking it down the Overseers would approve it and the Overseers would pay to have a new tree to replace it. A place that needs to be pruned and is a priority is a tree in Bayview Park next to the fence as well as a little tree in Bayview Park which is not a priority. Vicky M. also mentioned the tree in Auditorium Park where a limb fell last year is going to be on their watch list. She reported that Betty Wolsey has put together a spread sheet of 70 trees in the village and the Tree Committee would be on break for the winter months but they would still be in contact by email.

New and continuing business: Michael T. reported the figure was around \$2,500.00 for the landscaping around the basketball court/lower Maple St. He was able to decrease that figure down to \$1,000.00 due to some donations he has received. Spring would be the best time to complete the project so Michael T. will provide a request in the New Year to have the project completed.

Next meeting November 18th 2019 at the Community Hall Conference Room

Personnel Committee: Steve K. feels that there should be a committee that would handle personnel issues. The overseers will post-pone that discussion until November.

Meeting Adjourned: John S. adjourned the meeting at 11:37 am

Executive Session: John S. began at 11:38 am.

JASM moved; seconded by Vicki M.: that the Village fund the Health Savings Account for Bill Paige at the same level as previous. Voted: Unanimous.

Vicki M. moved; seconded by Dick B.: that the Village give holiday gift cards for each of its employees at the same level as last year. Discussion: local businesses would be favored (Hannaford suggested). Voted: Unanimous.

Vicki M. moved; seconded by Mike L.: that the Village through its president will send two letters concerning the Griffin Street matter, one to the town and one to the attorney for Gerry. Voted: Unanimous. Wendy Huntoon was not at this portion of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm.