



Minutes of the Meeting of the Northport Village Corporation Board of Overseers

8:00 am, July 12, 2020

Virtual – Zoom

Attendees

President: John Spritz

Treasurer: Steve Kazilionis

Village Agent: William Paige

Overseers

Miles Frieden

Lisa Fryer

Michael Lannan

Vicky Matthews

Judy Metcalf

Michael Tirrell

Jeffrey Wilt

Meeting called to order: 8:00 am

Approval of Minutes: Vicky M. motion to approve the minutes from the June 14th meeting; Judy M. seconded the motion; vote was unanimous.

John S. states that the Safety Committee report is being moved to the top and include discussion about regulations regarding COVID-19.

John S. discusses the rules of operations, an overview of NVC and that meetings cannot be carried on between Overseers meetings. Mike L. brings a point of order and discussion continues.

Public Comments:

- Jim Coughlin thinks we are being overly restricted with our current rules and regulations and operating outside the CDC guidelines within the state. He would like to see local rules rescinded to match state.
- Casey Brown agrees with Jim, and is worried about drowning with the current lifeguard setup; the probability of spreading the disease outside is small, and the liability is much worse with the current policies.
- Cynthia Stuen was on the COVID task force and thinks what the governor just came out with is helping tourism but it requires masks in any environment where people are in close proximity of six feet. All have seen 25 kids on the dock, doesn't think it is responsible. Following the rules has helped control the virus, doesn't think we can run the risk for the sake of our pleasure being a little restricted.
- Mike Trasatti agrees with all statements. People should be observing social distancing, police enforcement limited to people not social distancing.
- Jane Strauss supports Cynthia especially about face masks. Would rather see restrictions stay in place as starting point to get younger population to follow the state of Maine rules.
- Jim Huning sees very few people wearing masks or practicing social distancing and is in favor of keeping the rules. Maine is one of three states where the cases are going down, why make changes to risk that until over with. Not the greatest summer, but he's not interested in getting rid

of rules because we want a normal summer, it's not normal anywhere. The US has 4.2% of the world's population, but 25% of the COVID cases.

- Karen Trasatti would like to see restrictions lifted and have more enforcement if necessary. Sees a lot of inconsistencies with what is open and what is not.
- Beverly Crofoot supports maintaining restrictions, she is high risk.
- Lisa Berry would like to propose lightening the restrictions, if there was a lifeguard on the dock it could help to monitor who is there and the number of people.
- Emily Wisenbuck comes from NY and is a hospital admin, is afraid a lifeguard can't do all of that enforcement, if start undoing the restrictions it will create greater risk.
- Bryan Field thinks they are operating under a false sense of security, perhaps reevaluate.
- Paul Hamlin spent a week there as visitors and is in favor of relaxing restrictions.
- Gina Cressey says dock is busy under normal conditions; possible parent committee.
- Diantha supports Cynthia's position, recognizes how unhappy they are not being able to use the dock and swim float, but if this were a matter of personal responsibility the kids not obeying rules. Summer of polio they couldn't do anything.
- Karen Trasatti says it feels like people keep saying a huge influx of people is coming, but few to no cottages are rented.
- Jim Coughlin says Belfast is less restrictive.
- Casey Brown says that COVID is not going away, Gina's point about parenting kids from dock, but he can't because he can't go on the dock.
- Wendy Huntoon personally doesn't have an opinion. The Maine guidelines specifically state that municipalities are in the best position to make their own rules, she feels that the Overseers are in the best position to decide what is reasonable for our community, if that is different than what is in other towns, that is because they are looking at safety for our specific community.

Safety Committee:

- Michael T. says that Bayside is a largely seasonal population, need to balance safety and use in new environment, the task force consensus and Overseers were these rules. Safety of NVC employees also is part of this. He has no recommendations for changing and does not support changing the rules.
- John S. received email from Dr. Brown and Mr. Tasatti for language for a motion to discuss about COVID-19. Mike L. motion to open and discuss current situation. Miles F. seconds motion.
- Mike L. says there are two different regulations/recommendations that are being used interchangeably. Phases vs Keep Maine Healthy. Wants to discuss rules we have in place and look at being more responsible.
- Michael T. gives law enforcement update that police are stepping up with speeding because people voiced concerns and they're doing what they can but also let Bayside be Bayside. Hired another lifeguard to work Sunday and Monday on the beach but still worried about kids on dock and boat float. Asked police to emphasize waterfront policing.
- Mike L. motion to take \$5,000 from police budget to fund dock attendant for rest of summer season to Labor Day-no second to motion.

Seawall Update:

- Mike L. met with engineer and contractor. Prock Marine won't be available to move the blocks to the beach from the waterside because of reduction in workforce. Contractor has another place to put blocks and will start in August putting them at base of park 3x4x2, stacked no more than three high. Only one to two trucks per day and will need to block off two to three parking spaces for blocks.

Nordic Aquafarms Update:

- Mike L. states project is moving forward in permitting process. Belfast Planning Board meeting was last week and applicant expects to receive a draft order of conditions within two weeks of meeting.
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Report of the Treasurer:

- Skip for now

Infrastructure Committee:

- Mike L. says still working within budget. One resident volunteered to do some work at the base of the seawall. It is his project and his money. There is focus on the clogged storm drain at the top so looking at next year's budget.

Report of the Treasurer:

- Steve K. states there is not much money to spend. Still some money in tree budget. No more money in roads budget but Bill has done good job with roads.
- John S. Overseers need to sign the warrant and the past moth warrants.
- Michael T. asks if dock attendant can be shared by yacht club and village?
- Steve K. says the village computer is failing so no financials yet.

Tree Committee:

- Mary Brown wants volunteers to help maintain Merrithew Park and to move lilac bush.
- John S. says the Tree Committee can work with Mary to figure out.
- Lisa F. says there are two grants within the Project Canopy grant, one for planting and one for planning, they will meet and walk around to map out trees for grant.

Tree Warden:

- Vicky M. states that they are still trying to see if the tree treatments were successful with browntail moths.
- Looking at having tree cut down on main street and possibly planting new trees.

Communications Committee:

- Lisa F. says there are two more signs coming but lots of talk about basketball court and signage. Gives John S. credit for annual report finishing.

Finance Committee:

- Judy M. nothing to report



- Wendy suggests vote on electronic signature. Judy M. motion to allow electronic signature on all warrants. Jeffery W. seconds motions. Vote is unanimous

Governance Committee:

- Judy M. states that they have not met and that the parking ordinance is on hold.
- Voter registration offered at community hall next Saturday from 10 – 11 am.

Personnel Committee:

- Jeff W. nothing to report

Utility Committee:

- Judy M. states three bids were received and contract awarded to Blane Casey Building Contractor and will be signed by the chair; project starts after the around Islesboro race. Current plan is to be able to pay out of reserves and must coordinate with seawall project.
- The Superintendent's Report states that the plant operates effectively, there are false positives with Enterococci. Utility bills are going out this week, many are not paying their bills.
- Mike L. brings a point of order and wants the info provided regarding the building moving forward. Discussion ensues.
- Jeffrey W. states that there is need for website for public to access.

Waterfront Safety Committee:

- Jeffrey W. - Nothing to report.

Town of Northport Issues:

- Vicky M. states the town meeting is July 16th

Report of the President:

- John S. states the Annual Meeting will be held at the basketball court and the backup is Community Hall.
- There is an Overseers meeting at 5 pm on August 11. The Annual Meeting is at 5:30 pm on August 11. Next overseer's meeting is August 16th.
- Vicky asks who the moderator is.
 - Judy M. says that Blair decides.
 - Blair says Lee Woodward is the moderator.
- Vicky asks if there are people running for the Overseers seats?
 - Blair says not yet.
- Vicky doesn't understand why there is secrecy of not announcing before the meeting.

Village Agent Report:

- Bill P. nothing to report
- Steve K. asks about wharf repairs.
- Michael T. asks if the swim buoys are going in, Bill says he believes so.



Office Manager Report:

- Trash stickers at town office and Wentworth grocery.
- Warrants will be available for signing.

Community Comments:

- Dan Webster is trying to look up time for the meeting notice for the July 3rd Utilities meeting.
- Janae N. is worried about traffic impact from blocks in park and if boat float will come out earlier.
- Mike Lannan wants to know how NVC can adjust to be more along the lines of today, more responsive.

Meeting Adjourned: at 10:50am

The next Overseers Meeting is at 8 am on Sunday, August 16th.

Meeting minutes submitted by Nina Richard.

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