

Northport Village Corporation

June, 18, 2017

Overseers Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

President: John Spritz

Treasurer: Steve Kazilionis

Village Agent: William Paige

Office Manager: Amy Eldridge

Overseers

Judy Metcalf

Dick Brockway

Paul Nyren

John Woolsey

Vicky Matthews

Lee Houghton

Wendy Huntoon – not present

Visitors: Blair Einstein, Ed Lord, Jane Strauss, Beanie Einstein

Meeting Called to order: called to order at 8:01 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Dick B. moved to approve the May Minutes, Vicky M. seconded it. 6 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained.

Questions/issues from Bayside Residents and meeting attendees:

Ed Lord of Park Row provided his concerns about the light issue on Park Row. He expressed that the poles are 5 feet taller and the light need to go up 5 more feet or preferably be taken out down. Ed L. expressed that Janae Novotny is bothered by the lights as well. Vicky M. mentioned the lights are a safety concern. Judy M. is satisfied with the other lights that are already there around the harbor. Bill P. mentioned that he spoke with CMP and they are trying to upgrade the poles plus wiring. CMP said that they can work with the poles to see if they can re-angle them or do something underneath there to help with the reflection. Judy M. would like to take it out. But she is concerned that the other Park Row residents have not been heard. Paul N. mentioned a lamp instead of a light. Judy M. will speak with the residents of park row that are affected and Bill P. will speak with CMP and see if they can put a hold on any other work. Judy M. is going to speak with NVC's contact person from CMP to see what options we have with the pole on Park Row in front of Ed's home.

Blair Einstein mentioned that the tree between the Tirrells and the Yacht Club needs to be trimmed. Blair E. talked to Jane Strauss about the tree. Judy M. expressed that the type of tree that is there if you trimming the tree to much it will kill the tree. A crab apple tree needs to be pruned in the fall and if you trim it now you will kill the tree. John S. would prefer that the Tirrells speak to the Arborist, and the village will talk with the tree warden.

Beanie E. was here to represent a village resident in reference to tenants leaving fires unattended on the beach. She would like to see if the ordinance could be changed so that everyone needs to have a burn permit. If the fire is not 75 feet from the structure then they should call the sheriff. John W. said that it is more of an education issue and he had mention about letting residents know about when a permit is needed. Bill P. mentioned that if there is a fire that is a concern then they need to call 911 and they will contact the fire department which will report the fire. There is a state law that if there is smoke from anything it must be investigated. Judy M. expressed that the fire ordinance need to be sent to (On the Waterfront).

Report of the President:

John S. went over three topics 1. John S. has been in communications with Todd Martin about having a meeting at the school. The soonest date available would be August 13th at 8:00 am. Todd M. is happy to have the Overseers meeting at the school. All Overseers where in acceptance of the August meeting at the school. 2. John also mentioned there will be an executive session and 3. The committee reports for the Annual Report are due to Amy E. by June 20.

Report of the Treasurer:

Steve K. handed out the warrants for reviewed and signage as well as handed out Financial/budget reports for review and discussion. Steve K. mentioned that we have 18,643 available in the 2017 budget. He strong suggests that the committees complete any projects that they were thinking of that we could use the extra money towards.

Dick B. asked for assistance with getting money put toward for the Seawall this year instead of waiting for the Annual meeting. Bill P. mentioned that the Police cruiser needs have a new battery, it needs to be inspected, and the ABS light needs to be fixed. The approximate cost to repair the police cruiser may be about \$ 2,000.00.

Judy M. spoke with Town of Northport Selectman Drexell White last night and the town is changing the speed limit down. Paul N. mentioned that they didn't know when the change was going to happen. A discussion about the speed issue in the village continued. Bill P. said that we can get a speed sign through a company called White Sign. Steve K mentioned that he thought it was about \$ 1,100.00 for the speed signs when they looked into it last year. Bill P. mentioned that he thought the sign was portable. Judy M. said that if the Safety committee was in favor of it then she would be in favor of Bill P. getting the portable sign. Beanie E. said as a member of the Safety committee they would be in favor of the purchase. Lee H. motioned to have Bill P. get a speed sign for the village up to \$ 2,500.00. Judy M. seconded the motion. Discussion: Steve K. asked what model they would be going for. Judy M. said that we would be going with the \$ 1,100.00 version. Steve K. would like to have a decision now instead of waiting for next months meeting. 5 Approved, 0 Opposed, 1 abstained.

Paul N. had a question about a couple of warrants (Maine Water works and Dean Brown). Bill P. and Steve K. provided information about the warrants to resolve Paul N. concerns.

Report of the Village Agent:

Bill P. mentioned that the Maple Street bond needs to be released and the paperwork need to signed and notarized so that we can pay Farley's. He also mentioned that the library fencing around the courtyard is in bad shape and will need some maintenance completed by next year.

The owner of 48 George Street wants the village to start mowing a patch of property that is owned by the village. The village has not touched this property in many years and there was an understanding that that portion of the property would be maintained by the home owner. Lee H motioned to leave the area alone. John S. Appointed John Woolsey to draft a letter to the owners of 48 George Street.

Bill P. would like to get the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Northport and the Northport Village Corporation regarding winter sand and salt approved. Judy M. moved that the understanding be signed by John S. and be presented to the Town of Northport, Vicky M. Seconded the motion 6 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained.

Big tree in Ruggles Park is dying slowly and it needs to be pruned. At the bottom of Bay Street there are some tops that are dead and Jane S. will speak to the Arborist about them.

Judy M. mentioned that the Overseers decided have Jane S. the Tirrells and the Arborist get together and determine the best resolutions for the Tree that needs to be trimmed. Jane S. will let the Overseers know of the determination and if the tree needs to be taken down or trimmed.

Bill P. asked if the Overseers would like to register the Police cruiser and they said yes.

The Property Maintenance & Lawn Care bidding dates needed to be determined. Judy M. suggested sending notices to vendors we have worked with in the past. Amy E. and Bill P. will look back at previous years to compile a list of vendors. We are going to open bids at the August meeting when it at the school.

The last time the treatment plant was painted was by a junior yacht club member. Steve K. will chat with Jim Facey from the Yacht Club. Judy K. asked about the swim float and Bill P. mentioned that the swim float needs to have a mooring. Bill P. gave Scott a deadline of June 25th to get the swim float out there. Bill P. mentioned that when the weather is more favorable the Hall will be painted.

A few years when pavement was done on George Street the only street that we didn't put a stop sign is Clinton Street. The question was asked "do we need to put a stop sign on the right side of the road". The approximate cost would be around \$100.00

Paul N. asked about the tree timing at the Williams property. The trees were trimmed but they were unable to trim down to 12 feet because if they did it would kill the trees. The Arborist was able to trim the trees back a little bit and the cost was about \$ 115.00 dollars. Sheila Baur from the other side of the hedge has mentioned that the trees are encroaching on her garden. The Williams were happy with the results.

Communications Report:

John Woolsey received a letter from Mrs. Erickson in reference to an area connected to her property and Scribner Park that needs to be mowed. He will reply to Mrs. Erickson's request keeping in mind the Overseers views. He will also be in contact with the fire warden about the fires on the beach.

Finance Committee Report: nothing to report

Infrastructure Committee Report:

Dick B. mentioned that Bill P. came up with an amazing idea for the office rewiring. They are also looking into the rewiring of upstairs in the Community Hall. The Infrastructure committee has been speaking with Bayside Arts about the outlets upstairs. John W. asked if the remainder of the Centennial funds could go to the funding of the lights in the Community Hall.

Lee H. Moved that we set aside \$8,000.00 for the electrical upgrade upstairs in the Community Hall. Vicky M. Seconded the motion. 6 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

Dick B. mentioned the seawall is a 3 year plan. John W. asked how much parking we would lose if we went with a sloped more natural look. Lee H. said that the seawall is a repair and not a replace and there are regulations that the infrastructure has to keep in mind when determining design.

Steve K. mentioned that we have money to spend and asked if there is anything that we want to do at this time. Judy M. mentioned that if the painter is able to paint the front of the Community Hall then now would be a good time. Bill P. will check with the painter to see what his availability is and cost.

Paul N. the job was excellent and it was a restoration supreme, he feels that we should follow through with the other windows with an understanding that we restore and not replace.

Safety committee Report:

Lifeguards are expected to be Evan Damuck, 6 days a week except Saturday. Unfortunately the other possible lifeguards got other job offers leaving us with a less than ideal schedule this summer.

The summer police candidate was not able to get his Maine certification in a timely manner, thus at this point in time we will not have police coverage for the summer.

The safety committee continues to recommend looking into traffic calming mechanism for the village. Specific options include installing "Reduce Speed Zone Ahead" signs before entering the reduced speed areas in the village; painting lines on George street to make the street look narrower; and, parking the police car in various parts of the community to slow down traffic.

Beanie E. mentioned that maybe we could have a dock supervisor to help cover any days that can't be covered by Evan.

Judy M. moved that the safety committee have the ability to hire another life guard or dock supervisor at \$12.00 an hours Lee H. seconded the motion. 6 approved, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

Town Liaison Report:

Cross Street and Bayside Road the speed is going to be changing to 35 mph. Shore Road had a binder we are expecting lane to come in this week to top coat it. From Dan Webster place to the banards home.

The school had a Community cook out the other day and it was a good time with lots of food and people. The new bridge at Saturday cove they are finding more cracks on the ledge side of the bridge.

Utility Committee Report:

Judy M. mentioned that there were no action items to vote on and the system is working as expected. Gordon Fuller replaced Denis Wang and has been a great addition to the committee.

Governance committee:

Judy M. spoke about the Bylaws and went over the 3 different copies. She informed the Overseers of the committee members. John S. Tim Samway, Judy M, Vicky M. all worked on the Bylaws. Judy M. asked if the overseers would like to go over them now or look them over and speak about them at the July meeting. The overseers requested to go over at the current meeting. The biggest change would be that the Overseers would be appointed to 3-year terms.

Paul N moved to accept the draft as written of the Bylaws and that the Utility Committee Report re-commented, seconded by Dick B. 5 Approved, 1 Opposed, 0 Abstained.

Lee H. Moved that we discuss the changed that Dick B has made to the Bylaws. John W. seconded the motion 6 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained.

The Overseers went over the changes to Bylaws that Dick B. provided. Judy M. will provide to the Overseers an updated copy with revisions that were verbally agreed upon.

The dog ordinance did not state a maximum penalty. Vicky M. revised the Ordinance to not include a maximum on the fee. Paul N. asked how it would be enforced, Judy said originally they were going to have the police officer but since we don't have an officer it would go to the Village Agent.

New and continuing business:

Steve has been in contact with Cynthia from the Memorial Brinks Company. There were a couple of follow up issues that was being worked through and Steve K will work with Cynthia and Amy E. to get them resolved.

John S asked if anyone was not going seek re-election of their current Overseer position and John W. said that he will be not renewing his position as an Overseer. He feels that the overseers need to get a

better communications option available for attendees so they can remote into the meetings. He was delighted to be a part of the Overseers in the last 4 years.

John W. mentioned that Bayside Arts received a grant for a back drop. He would like the Overseers permission to continue with the project and the back drop would be portable and it will meet code. Before he gets his crew started in July he would like to get the overseers blessing. John W. provided a diagram of the back drop to the Overseers for review.

Steve K. recommended that John W. provide the diagram to John Larson and Toupie Rooney to see if they have any concerns or questions.

Judy M. moved to approve the design for the back drop that John W provided for the stage that Bayside Arts would be utilizing. Vicky M. Seconded the motion 6 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained.

Judy M. moved to go into executive session and Vicky M. seconded the motion 6 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained.

Meeting Adjourned: at 11: 30 am.

Next Meeting July 16 2017 @ 8:00 am