

Northport Village Corporation
October 08 2017
Overseers Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

President: John Spritz
Treasurer: Steve Kazilionis – not present
Village Agent: William Paige
Office Manager: Amy Eldridge

Overseers

Judy Metcalf
Dick Brockway
Paul Nyren
Michael Lannan - not present
Vicky Matthews
Lee Houghton
Wendy Huntoon – by phone

Visitors: Bill Cressey, Tim Samway, John Lacy, Jane Strauss

Meeting Called to order: by John Spritz at 9:03 am

Approval of Minutes: Vicky M. Moved to approve the September Minutes with Paul N. Edits. Lee H. seconded the motion. 5 Approved, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstained.

Questions/issues from Bayside Residents and meeting attendees:

Bill C. spoke about a request that was sent to the Overseers from John Woolsey about voting to use the remaining funds in the Centennial Funds for cultural events and to move providing Bayside Arts \$1000.00 to help aid 2018 goals. He felt that the voters intended for the Centennial funds to be used for cultural events and not maintenance issues to the Community Hall. Judy M. reported that there was \$12,450.00 in the Centennial Fund and with the following expenditures there would be \$ 4150.00 as of today that would be available out of the Centennial fund.

\$ 450.00 chair rack.

\$ 400.00 toward a BSHS event.

\$ 2,000.00 for security of the building.

\$ 450.00 window repairs.

\$ 5,000.00 committed toward window repairs.

Bill C. reported that an electrical upgrade to the 2nd floor to support the lighting that they would like to use would be a suitable expenditure as well as mentioned about providing the Overseers with modifications to the 2nd floor that Bayside Arts would like to see going forward. Judy M. reported that \$ 8,000.00 has been budgeted out of the Contingency Fund for electrical work to the 2nd floor.

The Infrastructure Committee and the Village Agent will work together on the electrical upgrade to the 2nd floor. John S. recommends that the Overseers table for the indefinite future the Bayside Arts request.

Report of the President: nothing to report at this time but will report on agenda items coming up.

Report of the Treasurer: John S. distributed the warrants for approval and review. Judy M. reported that the Finance Committee met yesterday and Steve K asked Judy M. to report on the spread sheets. The Belvedere Grant was not granted to NVC to assist with funding of the Community Hall windows restoration project. She expressed gratitude to Cathie Ross and Joe Reilly for their continued support and outreach on the project. The following are outstanding expenditures that Steve K. wanted the Overseers to keep in mind.

\$ 3,000.00 for wharf repairs by Prock Marine.

Up to \$ 10,000 on tree work & replacement. Year to date just over 2k has been spent.

\$ 4,100 in Centennial Funds that don't need to be spent in 2017.

Judy M. moved to appoint Purdy Powers as our auditor, Lee H seconded the motion. 6 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained.

Report of the Village Agent: Bill P. received the estimate for wharf repairs but it doesn't include all items requested by the inspector from Pinnacle Hill Engineering. Prock Marine will complete the repairs in the amount of \$3,000.00. Bill P. reported that in the future we will need to bump the budget up for repairs to the wharf to be able to pay for all repairs at one time.

Radar speed sign is running correctly. We had issues with the first sign that we received so a new one was sent and we have had no problems downloading reports.

Floats will be coming out after October 9th if the tide, people and weather permitting. Judy M. will contact Dan Webster to post on the website about the floats.

The Town of Northport has changed the speed limit on Cross Street to 35 and has replaced the sign. A reduced speed sign has been put up on George Street. Bill has spoken to the town about putting up more speed signs on Shore Road to advise motorists of the speed.

The Water and Sewer Department has worked with the town on the storm drain at 36 Broadway and storm drains and ditches at 769, 771 and 763 Shore Road. Paul N. is going to speak about moving the reduce speed sign at the next town meeting. Clarification was provided by Bill P. about warrants paid for in September to the Town of Northport.

Report of the Office Manager: reported that the office hours will be changing after Columbus Day. The winter hours will be Sunday 9 am to 1 pm, Wednesday Noon – 7 pm, Friday 9 am – 1 pm.

Report of the Tree Warden:

Jane Strauss reported she has had 2 requests. The new owners of Rockport – Lincolnville Cottage (formerly the Oberg's) have concerns about a tree that they felt is in the right of way that needs to be looked at. Bill P. has reviewed the pins and believes it is in the right of way. Second request was from Harry Rosenblum about a dead tree on Sea Street. The tree is just inside the 22 foot Oak Street extension and is in the right of way. It is very boxed in and you would not even notice that the tree is there. John Woolsey also has a dead tree on upper Clinton Street which is in the right of way that needs to be taken care off. These 3 will be added to the list of trees that need to be maintained by the arborist in the Village. Bill P. was able to speak to Fairpoint and they have moved the cable out of

the tree and Bill P. has contacted Benner Tree Service to let them know. Benner Tree Service recommends planting Red Maple as the replacement trees in the Park.

John S. mentioned the Tree Planning Committee and that he believed that Michael Lannan was interested in chairing the committee. John Woolsey and Blair Einstein were mentioned as having interest in the committee. Wendy H. asked what committee would be handling the landscaping in the village. The Tree Planning Committee would be looking at the landscaping around the basketball court and John S. is going to follow up with Michael Lannan.

Communications Report: Judy M. reported that a hazardous waste notice was sent to Dan Webster to put on the website and will also be in the utilities mailing in the spring. Judy M. moved to approve the winter parking ban Vicky M. seconded the motion. 6 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained. .

Finance Committee Report: Judy M. reported that they will be providing their recommendations during the executive session.

Governance Committee Report: Judy M. reported that they have not had a meeting yet, but she mentioned that if you are interested on being on the committee and have the time to please contact Judy M.

Infrastructure Committee Report: Nothing to report. Bill P. Will talk to the committee about an action item that will need to be added to the 5 or 10 year plan.

Safety Committee Report: Has nothing to report at this time

Town Liaison Report: Paul N. reported on the fire ordinance and that the Town of Northport has no interest in enforcing the ordinance. NVC will need to determine a method of enforcement on the Fire Ordinance. It was noted that the existing ordinance provides for enforcement by the Overseers. The Ordinance will be reviewed by the Governance Committee for recommendations for clarification, if needed.

Utility Trustees Report: the system is working great and they are working on the 2018 budget which will be available for approval at the November Overseers meeting.

The Utilities Committee is considering moving the trimesters billing which is currently January, May and September. They are still in discussion about the change but will keep everyone posted of any new developments.

New and continuing business:

John S. spoke to Todd Martin, Principle of the Drinkwater School, about the emergency use of the hall. Todd M. mentioned the only issue was if Bill P. or Amy E were not available, how they would access the Hall. Discussion: providing a code to the principle was mentioned. John S. mentioned trying the emergency agreement for one year and see how it goes.

Dick B moved to proceed forward with the Community Hall to becoming emergency locations for the Drinkwater School and to provide a code to the School. Judy M. seconded the 5 approved, 0 Opposed, 1 abstained. John S. will get a brief summary of the School's Emergency Plan.

Bill P. reported that in the village trash pick-up contract, 12 Auditorium Park is not in the agreement to drive down in there in the winter months to obtain trash. The Overseers expressed that it would need to be the responsibility of the renter or owner to bring the trash up to Broadway for trash pick-up.

Bill P. reported that he has interested renters that are asking him questions about plowing at 12 Auditorium Park. Bill P. has plowed the area before and can still do the job but wanted the Overseers to know there may be many pull out cost from a towing company for that area. Lee H. provided his research options on skids steer and track loaders that he obtained from Union Farm Equipment. Paul N. has not been able to contact Mccrum about plowing options for Auditorium Park. After reviewing many plowing options the Overseers would like to see Lee H., Bill P. and Amy E. work together to make up a request for bids to put in the paper. The request for bids should be per storm bases for pleasant street extension around to Auditorium Park for plowing and sanding. Maine Jobs Inc. and the Republican Journal were recommended to advertise in.

Bill P. reported that some of the windows have been taken out upstairs and they are planning on coming back to get the last couple of windows.

November 12th is the next meeting at 9:00 pm at the Community Hall

Meeting Adjourned: at 10:53 am

Return from Executive Session: 11:20

Moved: JASM/Second: Lee Houghton:

That Amy Eldridge receives an increase in her hourly wage of 5% over her current rate of pay (shared with the Utilities Department) commencing on January 1, 2018.

Discussion was held. Steve and John to schedule a time to review Amy's performance and her goals for 2018 (Dick McElhaney's involvement would be welcome). The Board expressed appreciation for Amy's hard work.

VOTED: ALL IN FAVOR.

Moved: JASM/ Second: Lee Houghton:

In appreciation for the hard work of the Village Agent, and the many hats he wears and the effective, efficient manner in which he performs each task, that the Village (shared with the Utilities Department) contribute \$760 into the HSA established for his benefit in 2016 by the Village.

Discussion was held. Steve and John to confer with Bill to assure he sees the value of a HSA, recognizes that no taxes are taken out of it, and confirm Bill's enrollment in a health insurance plan. (Open enrollment in the exchanges is from Nov. 1st through December 15th).

VOTED: ALL IN FAVOR

Adjourned: 11:25