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Minutes of the Meeting of the Northport Village Corporation Board of Overseers
Sunday, July 11, 2021 Live Meeting in Community Hall

Attendees:

President: John Spritz
Treasurer: Wendy Huntoon
Village Agent: William Paige

Overseers

Lisa Fryer
Michael Lannan
Vicky Matthews
Judy Metcalf
Janae Novotny
Michael Tirrell
Jeffrey Wilt

Meeting called to order: 8:04 am

Approval of Minutes: Jeffrey W. made a motion to approve the June 13 minutes; Janae N. seconded; the vote was unanimous.

Public Comments:

- Polly Ireland, of upper Maple Street, requested permission for her contractor to work on a tree on village property. The Overseers reaffirmed that the contractor can do so, with sufficient license and insurance forms filled out and on file in the NVC office.
- Chris Maseychik, of North Avenue, reiterated his concern, raised at the June 13th Overseers meeting, that the “path of egress has been trimmed down to 10” on North Avenue. The NVC Infrastructure Committee will review the matter
- Dan Webster, of Shore Road, raised several matters:
 - Perhaps there is a way to encourage more dialogue between meeting attendees and Overseers, during Overseer meetings;
 - A request to have an opportunity for public comment at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting; and
 - A request to have any attachments to the Overseer meeting agendas (such as committee and staff reports) available to the public before such meetings.
- Blair Einstein, of lower Maple Street, noted that the proposed Parking Ordinance had been revised so as to lessen the amount of parking space outside of his home and business.

Updates

- **Seawall:** Mike L. reported that all engineering costs are in and accounted for. Farley & Sons is staying on top of the weed situation in Ruggles Park, and will re-seed (with grass) in the fall. The filter fabric in the drains at the bottom of Ruggles Park is holding water, as designed.

- **Nordic Aquafarms:** Vicky M. reported that the judge in the case is now awaiting comments by both sides, up through July 15. The town of Belfast is looking at various options regarding the case.

Report of the President

- Blair Einstein was appointed to head the Nominations Committee for the August 10 Annual Meeting.
- The August 10 Annual Meeting will take place upstairs, in Community Hall.
- Vicky M. made a motion, seconded by Judy M., to allow Overseer meetings to be “hybrid” (live and Zoom), consistent with NVC Bylaws, at a technology cost not to exceed \$1,500. The vote was unanimous. Vicky M. will investigate technology options.
- The President reported on the invitation from Shelly Patten of the Town of Northport to initiate a dialogue between the Town and the NVC. There was agreement among the Overseers that this was a positive initiative, and that it made sense to delay that dialogue process slightly until August 15th, following the April 10th NVC Annual Meeting, when the 2021-2022 Board first meets.

Report of the Treasurer – Wendy Huntoon

The Treasurer had submitted her report in advance of the meeting.

- Nothing remarkable in recent budget vs. actuals.
- The NVC audit occurs Monday/Tuesday, July 12/13.
- The 2022 budget is in the 2021 Annual Report.

Infrastructure Committee – Mike Lannan

There have been washout issues on certain streets, due to the heavy recent rains. Judy M. requested that the Committee provide an estimate to widen the top of North Avenue, per the discussion with Chris Maseychik.

Tree Committee – Lisa Fryer

- The Committee met most recently on June 15 and July 7, and notes from those meetings are attached to these minutes.
- The Committee continues to look at how to implement the Project Canopy grant, including how to document time and costs.
- The Committee recommends a crabapple tree for the “replacement” tree by the seawall.
- Resident’s and visitors are encouraged to assist the Committee in (new) tree waterings.
- The Committee’s next meeting is on July 20th.

Tree Warden – Vicky Matthews

- A tree at the corner of George and Griffin Streets needs to come down, because of a new sewer connection; compensation for this tree is noted under the Utilities Committee report.
- Anecdotally, there has been a decrease in brown tail moth populations in Bayside, although there has been an increase elsewhere in Maine. No fall or spring (2022) treatments are planned.
- The NVC has been quoted \$3,388 to treat ash trees on Bayside public land, for emerald ash borers. However, that estimate may include some trees on private property. The Tree

Warden is determining how much is available in the budget to accommodate this treatment, and how private landowners can perhaps “piggyback” on the NVC treatment.

Communications Committee – Lisa Fryer

The NVC website is live: www.nvcmaine.org. Lisa F. thanked Michael Tirrell and Kathleen Kearns for the extraordinary amount of work they did in launching the site. The next issues to address are assigning a maintenance budget to the site, how to handle security, new content, etc.

Finance Committee – Judy Metcalf

Nothing to report. The Treasurer noted that once the NVC audit is done, it will be reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Governance Committee – Judy Metcalf

- 1) Jeffrey W. moved to adopt the new Waterfront Ordinance. Judy M. seconded. The vote was unanimous.
- 2) Judy M. moved to adopt the new 2021 Parking Ordinance, with the exceptions of removing the bracketed phrase in section 3.5 and a recognition that the attached map “was intended as a graphic and not rigid math.” Jeffrey W. seconded. A discussion followed among the Overseers:
 - a. Judy M. said that any fines incurred by implementing the Ordinance would go into the NVC Roads budget. Judy also said that the Village Agent estimated \$1,300 for any new signage associated with the Ordinance.
 - b. The expectation is that, as with the new waterfront registrations for small watercraft, the new Parking Ordinance would be “rolled in” over 1-2 years and not immediately.
 - c. Michael T. wanted to be assured that Village residents had had sufficient time to “get up to speed” with the new Ordinance. He also noted the Police Officers can prioritize their assignments among speeding, parking, etc.
 - d. Lisa F. said “it all comes down to safety.”
 - e. Mike L. noted “fatal flaws” within the Ordinance, and suggested that work on it could be continued, with more public input.
 - f. Judy M. said that Ordinances can be revisited and amended over time.

The vote was 6 in favor of the new Ordinance, 1 opposed.

Personnel Committee – Janae Novotny

- The new community forums (“Doughnuts and Dialogue”) have gone well
- The President was asked to write a letter of commendation to lifeguard Thomas Parker, who performed lifesaving procedures with grace and skill the week prior.
- Vicky M. asked Janae if anyone had officially declared their nomination for the open Overseer seat and the President’s position. Janae said that no one had officially announced, thus far.

Utilities Committee – Judy Metcalf

Judy brought to the attention of the Overseers requests for two new sewer connections:

1. At the corner of George and Griffin Streets. The request is subject to normal conditions, with the exception that the tree that has to be removed will be replaced by a check,

representing the value of the tree, to the NVC. Janae N. made a motion to approve this sewer request, with Judy seconding. The vote was unanimous.

2. For the “triangle” across from the Library, on George Street. The request is submitted with conditions, noted in the application. Judy M. made a motion to approve this request, with Vicky M. seconding. The vote was unanimous.

The new sewage treatment building at the bottom of Ruggles Park will have a ribbon-cutting, sometime around Labor Day. First, the Utilities Department needs to go before the Town of Northport Planning Board, on July 13.

Safety Committee – Michael Tirrell

Police Department and Lifeguards are “up and running.” The Committee will meet soo. With more people now in Bayside, there is an increased and heightened awareness of the need to reduce speeding.

Waterfront Safety Committee – Jeffrey Wilt

As of now, 91 people have registered their personal watercraft.

Mike Lannan and Vicky Matthews then introduced a proposed additional article for the Annual Meeting. The text is as follows:

Proposed Article for August 2021 Annual Meeting of the Northport Village Corporation (NVC) - Demand for 10% Assessed Tax Rebate from Town of Northport to the NVC

This Article directs the Northport Village Corporation (NVC) to authorize “The Bayside Committee to restore the 1957 Goodwill to Rebuild the Northport School,” a subcommittee of the NVC, to demand that the Town of Northport set the current arbitrary tax rebate received from the Town of Northport each and every year to a fixed percentage of 10% of the taxes NVC residents pay to the Town from the most recent year’s tax assessment. This rebate is for services that the NVC provides directly to the village in lieu of receiving these services from the Town of Northport, Maine.

While the current NVC budget is significantly higher than the value of this percentage, this compromise solution is proposed, so both entities can properly develop budgets and plan for the future in a sustainable manner. The rebate shall be the value of 10% of the total real estate taxes the Town of Northport assesses to residents of Northport Village Corporation for the municipal calendar year running from July 1st to June 30th. The amount represented by this percentage shall be calculated and appropriated as a separate line-item in the Town of Northport budget each and every year beginning in 2021.

This rebate shall not be reduced from at least 10% of the total real estate taxes assessed in the future without approval by both NVC voters at the Annual Meeting in August of any given year and then by the voters of the Town of Northport at the Northport Annual Town Meeting the following year.

The proposed article was followed by 29 names, signatures and addresses of NVC voters. Janae N. said she would check these against the official NVC voting rolls.

Jeffrey W. moved to affirm the proposed citizens initiative, seconded by Mike L. Discussion among the Overseers resulted in a vote, 5-2, not to affirm the initiative.

Report of the Village Agent - Bill Paige

(The Village Agent had issued the Overseers a full status report, prior to this meeting. That report is appended to these minutes.)

The Village Agent highlighted certain items in the Report:

- Thank you to the many people in the Village who volunteer, particularly Ryan Fryen, who helped to clean off the barnacles on the dock ladder.
- Pleasant Street is still having problems after rainfalls; the NVC is working on possible solutions.
- Two torrential rainfalls before the July 4th weekend gave us problems, plus the recent heavy rainfall. The Village Agent works as quickly as possible to clean out drains and culverts.
- There have been several equipment failures, recently.

Jeffrey W. reminded everyone that only “pee, poop and toilet paper” should go down toilets. Not wipes, nor anything else.

Comments by Meeting Attendees

- Re the newly voted on Parking Ordinance, Polly Ireland said that it is the owners’ responsibility, not the renters’, to make sure that cars are properly parked. Perhaps a shortened version could be made available to homeowners? Also, should garbage disposals be banned throughout Bayside?
- Dan Webster asked if Village Agent and Treasurer reports could be distributed in advance of Overseers meetings. He also requested that public comment be allowed for items which have not appeared on the agenda.

Motion to adjourn by Jeffrey W., seconded by Janae N.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:10 am.

The next full Overseers Meeting is at 8:00 am on Sunday, August 15, in Community Hall.

(The Overseers will also meet for a brief procedural meeting at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, August 6:00 pm, prior to the Annual Meeting at 6:30 pm in Community Hall)

Meeting minutes submitted by John Spritz, *and approved by the Overseers, 8/15/2021*

Motions Approved during this Overseers Meeting:

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Tree Committee

Meeting minutes for June 15, 2021

In Attendance: Bette Woolsey, John Woolsey, Vicky Matthews, John Hoy, Lisa Fryer

- A concern regarding the replanting of the apple tree in Ruggles was presented at the last Overseers meeting in regards to the apples feeding wharf rats. John Woolsey will call arborist/specialist to inquire about the issue and find an alternative.
 - Ms. Polly Ireland attended the meeting. She is concerned with 3 dead limbs over her house from a tree on village property. She has identified a climber to remove the dead limbs. We stated that she must attend a monthly Board Meeting for permission from the Overseers.
 - The committee began to brainstorm and discuss specific dates for planting of grant trees, the need to identify volunteers to water, potential sources of water, and spreadsheets to track info. We will further this discussion at the next meeting.
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Tree Committee

Meeting minutes for July 7, 2021

In Attendance: Bette Woolsey, John Woolsey, Vicky Matthews, John Hoy, Joel Lipman

Absent: Lisa Fryer, Joe Riley, Michael Terrill

1. It was decided to keep the previous choice of a crabapple tree to replace the one removed during the seawall project as reservations voiced were deemed unfounded by our plant expert. Crabapple trees will blossom, bear very small fruit that do not drop thus not contributing to an expressed rat problem.

2. The committee identified water sources for each of the 5 trees to be planted from the “grant”:
- Ruggles – 2 trees – use fire hydrants nearby
 - Merithew Square – 1 tree - John Woolsey will consult with nearby homeowner about using water
 - Bayview Park – 1 tree - Vicky Matthews will consult with nearby homeowners

- West Street – 1 tree- water to come from nearby homeowner (this is confirmed)

John Woolsey will determine the hoses available in the community to use in watering.

Joel Lipman will ask Dan Webster to put out a request for hoses, water bags and volunteers. He will pass any information on to the committee if he is not in town.

John Hoy will put together a spreadsheet for volunteer hours, water usage and expenses to be tracked.

These numbers were determined at this time as a measure of cost of water to be used.

Cost of water is \$22.43 for the first 400 cu. ft. per cubic

1 cu. ft. = 7.5 gallons

Water bags hold ?

Conflicting information as to whether cost of water bags can be expensed to “grant.” We decided to expense it at this time.

Date of planting moved to after September 25th per recommendation of plant people.

We discussed the removal of the tree at the corner of Griffin and George Sts. It is on village property and the new owners need the tree removed for the water system to be placed. It was decided that if removal is approved by the Overseers it will be at the new owners’ expense. Vicky will talk to our arborist about the value of the vital tree being removed and a fee for the tree should be charged with monies going to the tree budget.

Discussion about other trees that may be impacted during construction and possible recourse. Is there a history of what is done in this situation? This discussion will be continued.

Next meeting Tuesday July 20th at 4:00 at the Woolseys. Vicky will bring wine.