

Minutes of NVC Meeting of April 21, 2002

President Ken Vlodek convened the meeting of the Northport Village Corporation Board of Overseers at 10:06 AM in the Drinkwater School with Overseers Doucette, Lightner, Whitten, O'Malia, Rohweder, Trenholm, and Smith, Treasurer Handler and Clerk Lagner present. Also attending were Todd Merolla, Joe Krulin, Jane Phillips, Tim Samway, William Paige, Beverly Crofoot, Galen Plummer, Bill Armstrong, Marjorie Crowley, Mary-Beth Rolf, and several other residents.

The Minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Report on Northport Selectpersons' Meeting:

- a. The warrants are not published concerning the Village's request for an increased allotment from \$17,500 to \$20,000.
- b. The transfer station's stand about brush and leaves is still pending.
- c. The request to share the boat fees has been denied. The Harbor Committee will control the dispensation of the funds. All requests for money must go to them, who will then recommend action to the Selectpersons.
- d. Town Meeting will be held on the first Monday in May. All voting residents are urged to come to the meeting.

Treasurer Handler's report was accepted as follows:

General Government

Checking	\$34,407.70
Community Hall	290.27
Money Market	<u>42,513.21</u>
Total Government	<u>\$77,211.18</u>

Water Department

Checking	<u>\$59,611.82</u>
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Sewer Department

Checking	\$23,560.71
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Money Market	<u>21,754.37</u>
Total Sewer Department	<u>\$64,674.78</u>

It was moved to include signature lines for all overseers on the warrants, although only 4 signatures are required. **VOTED.**

The treasurer suggested that a written summary of the warrant content be distributed and reviewed with his report.

Village Resident Concerns

Mussel Farm: Todd Merolla presented a copy of an article by Ron Huber, published in the Penobscot Bay Watch, which states that the Marine Resources Committee has postponed action on the aquaculture reform bill.

Westcott-Duggins: Vlodek read a letter from Ken Westcott to the Duggins, which settles the issue between them. Ken is asked to work with the Garden Committee on further planting activities.

Nitzburg: More draining of the area in discussion is needed.

Armstrong: Bill Armstrong requested permission to establish a home massage therapy office. Parking will not be a problem. The issue will be discussed with Blaine Richardson, and may be referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals if necessary as this is in the historic district.

Village Agent

Griffin Street: Marjorie Crowley and Mary-Beth Rolf presented their concerns about the high grade of Griffin Street. Bill explained that they had repaired sewers in that area, and then replaced the dirt. The water pipe is only 1 foot underground there, so the level could not be lowered substantially. O'Malia explained that the Griffin street area was to be rebuilt in the Phase I construction, and will ask Dirigo to address this problem in the engineering.

Parks: Ken Vlodek presented the draft for the park mowing contract and bid request. Lawns will be mowed from May 1 until October 30, 2002, between the hours of 8 AM and 5 PM, with no mowing on weekends during July and August.

It was moved and **VOTED** to approve the mowing contract as presented and advertise. Anyone interested should contact Bill Paige and walk with him through the park areas to be mown.

After discussion about the rocks that interfere with mowing in the parks, it was moved that NVC explore the possibility of hiring a contractor to remove the larger rocks in the parks, filling the holes created in the removal, limiting the expense to under \$500. **VOTED.**

Ramps: Work will be done when the ramps are set; the boat float should be in place by Memorial Day.

Water: Due to low flow in the South Shore water line (from Kelly's Cove south), \$1,000 was allocated to replace the old line with a larger diameter line.

Village Office: Ken requested that the office space in the village office building be completed so it may be used for future meetings. Costs would be shared between the water, wastewater, and village general accounts. It was moved to reserve no more than \$6,000 to be equally divided between the 3 accounts for construction of the village office, to include an access ramp and toilet. **VOTED.**

Wharfmaster

The Revised dinghy/float rules are now ready and will be included in the Resident Information Pack.

The plaque honoring Al Keith is mounted on the boulder at the entrance to the wharf, and a name sign is attached to the wharf house.

A new sign for the lifeguard is being made.

Water/Wastewater

Beverly Crofoot presented the draft of a letter to all property owners, to be accompanied with a map, informing them of the Phase I project work soon to begin. It describes the installation of water meters and sets the date for a public hearing. Construction for the project will not start until after Labor Day, as the Regulatory Agency must sign off on the plans before easements can be established. A public hearing about the Phase I construction plans will be held on **June 29 at 4:00 PM**. The approved drawings should be ready at that time. A public hearing concerning the new water rates will be held on **July 20, 2002** (time to be announced).

Water and sewer bills are due. If hardship exists, user should contact committee. Warning letters will notify negligent users that water will not be turned on if the bill is outstanding.

Beverly Crofoot presented the Utilities Sub-Committee report of a meeting on April 16, 2002. Mike Baran, Program Manager for the Department of Economic Development which directs CDBG funding, was present and is taking a personal interest in the Phase II project. He will be answering questions, offering information about applying for and coordinating the funding, and setting up a workable project starting date. Baran stressed that the lower-income study required for this project should be started. Galen Plummer reported for the Ad Hoc Arsenic Committee that recent samples taken from arsenic-infected wells show readings up 20-100% in contamination. A hearing about the Phase II project, which will include the South Shore extension, will be held on **July 21 at 1:00 PM**.

Finance

Dan stated that the auditor needs to be replaced before next year. Malcolm missed the April 1 deadline for the P.U.C. report.

Village attorney Metcalf reports that no action need be taken by the lawyer concerning liens. This is the responsibility of the Village tax collector, Jim Cummings. However, she would like copies of any liens issued each year (9 sent in 2000, and 11 sent in 2001).

Parks

The Parks Committee is seeking a quote from Northeast Tree Service of Belfast and Camden for the Village tree work. Some trees are being trimmed this week.

Recreation

The Community calendar has been set up by Sandy Hall. Several dates were added during the meeting.

Safety

Sal will be on duty the night of the Belfast high school prom.

Contracts are ready.

Mary Malone has now earned her open water certificate and will be working as lifeguard 6 days with Mondays off. A second lifeguard has been lined up (the Ferka's son) to be used as back-up.

Library

Stein has requested \$250 in advance for plantings at the library. The Board has already allocated \$500 for this purpose, to include the memorial planting in the Ponds' name.

Legal

Northport suit: Attorney Metcalf has sent the list of witnesses as requested, and the Town and the Village have exchanged cross-motions for summary judgment.

Solid waste collection: It was moved to follow the solid waste collection ordinance as written. Letters will go out to those parties that have been served with off-site pickup stating that as of June 1 we will be enforcing the long-standing policy of roadside pickup. **VOTED.** Bill will meet with concerned parties to decide on the best location for roadside pickup of their trash.

Von Bergen: It was **VOTED** to convey 625 square feet of village property to the Von Bergens, swapping for land used during the library construction.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor D. Lagner, Clerk

Upcoming meetings:

- June 9 Community Hall
- July 21 Community Hall
- August 11 Community Hall (“Meet the Candidates” to follow)