

**Northport Village Corporation
Board of Overseers
Minutes of the Meeting
August 11, 2002**

President Ken Vlodek convened the meeting of the Northport Village Corporation Board of Overseers at 10:03 AM in the Community Hall with Overseers Rohweder, Trenholm, Lightner, Smith, O'Malia, Doucette, and Clerk Lagner present. Treasurer Handler arrived later.

The Minutes of the July 21, 2002, meeting were approved.

The Treasurer's Report presented by Treasurer Handler is as follows:

General Government	
Checking	\$16,373.18
Community Hall	291.71
Money Market	<u>42,692.79</u>
Total Government	<u>\$59,357.68</u>
Water Department	
Checking	\$90,327.00
Checking	<u>10.00</u>
Total Water Department	<u>\$90,337.00</u>
Sewer Department	
Checking	\$14,805.68
Checking	10.00
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Money Market	<u>21,830.96</u>
Total Sewer Department	<u>\$56,296.79</u>

Ken reported on highlights of the Northport Selectpersons' meeting: The completion date for the town's comprehensive plan is pushed back 6 months. John Fancy has asked the town for a letter of commitment to their share of the Phase I construction costs.

Village Residents' Concerns

Williams: After discussion, the Board asked Ed Williams to procure written permission for pruning from the Poulins and the town, since the trees in question are not located on Village property.

Merolla: Todd has turned over a copy of the letter expressing citizen concerns about the mussel farm to Representative Ashe who claimed to never have received it. Harbor Master Brown denies that he has received any complaints. Todd again urged the Board to see that we have someone to represent Bayside's interests on the Harbor Commission.

Tardif: Bob Aebersold has submitted a bill for the replacement of a tire slashed by an old abandoned water pipe sticking up out of the ground across the road from the Community Hall where he had parked. Dick Tardif has removed the offending pipe, and the Board moved to have the Water Company reimburse Mr. Aebersold for the slashed tire. **Voted.**

It was also moved to authorize Dick Tardif to finish the trim on the rear door of the community hall, to address the insulation repairs needed, and any necessary painting. **Voted.**

Village Agent

Bill suggested that it was time to consider re-roofing the north side of the Community Hall, and was asked to get an estimate that includes various possible alternative materials.

A resident suggested that the S-hooks on the swings in Ruggles Park should be checked.

Snow plowing: Bill Magruder is the only bidder for plowing the town roads. He will be asked to quote a price for plowing the Village roads also.

Water/Wastewater

Utilities Committee Report on July 7 meeting:

Papers were signed by Ken Vlodek and Ellie Lagner to begin application for Phase II monies. The Utility Rate hearings will take place on August 18 (unofficial) and Sept. 15 (official hearing).

John Fancy and Beverly met with Rural Development representatives Lou Sirois and Scott Emery in Bangor on July 26. No additional funding for Phase I was received.

The first meeting with contractor Lynch Construction will take place August 20.

John Fancy is swamped with work and has fallen behind. It was moved to authorize Ken Vlodek to write a letter to John Glower explaining why some of the documents are being submitted late. **Voted, with one abstention.**

John Fancy urged the Board to consider hiring a Utility Manager. The DEP is becoming more strict in its demands, and will levy extreme fines if their requirements are not met. For example, measuring the flow only early in the day is not acceptable and having our present recorder drop by over his lunch hour to take a second measurement is also not enough. John also expressed the opinion that sending out the bookkeeping, billing, and other accounting chores may not be the best answer. The Board recommends that the Utility Committee prepare a job description for a Utility Manager that includes the requirement of both a water and wastewater license.

Todd Merolla reported that a new University of Maine study will center on the Village, seeking to explain the cause of the serious arsenic infiltration.

Finance

Dan Doucette moved and John Lightner seconded a vote to accept the draft of the Village audit of December 31, 2001. **Voted.**

It was noted that the NVC will be asked for a "single audit" in the coming year because of the grant/loan transactions. This is a more in-depth audit, and it was agreed that the Board will seek another auditor who can complete the work on schedule.

Safety

Some concern was expressed about the lifeguard. The Board will plan to give more guidance and direction.

It has been noted that more speed limit signs are needed on highly-traveled village roads.

Legal

Attorney Judy Metcalf stated that the suit with Northport will be heard by Judge Atwood on Monday, August 26.

Judy also agreed to help conduct an orientation workshop for new Overseers.

New Business

Annual Meeting: It was moved to appoint Zelma and Jo Huntoon, and Pam and Ed Williams as registrars for the Annual Meeting. **Voted.** The voter list will be split so two lines can be checked in at once. If the Scout troop is present, they will lead the residents in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Garbage Collectors: It was brought before the Board that Bill Paige's son Paul has been collecting the garbage at times. This causes problems with insurance and Workers' Comp coverage. Steve Trenholm will talk with Bill to discuss solutions. Dan Doucette moved and it was seconded by Elaine Smith that no other person but the Village Agent is to pick up the trash. **Voted.**

The meeting became an executive session at 11:50 AM. Upon re-opening at 12:10 PM, it was moved to write Blaine Richardson a letter terminating his employment as Code Enforcement Officer. **Voted.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor D. Lagner, Clerk