

CLERK'S REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
NORTHPORT VILLAGE CORPORATION

ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2017

The Annual Meeting of the Northport Village Corporation was held on Tuesday, August 8, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the Bayside Community Hall with approximately 67 voters present. The Clerk opened the meeting by reading the Call and Return on the Warrant. The Annual Warrant had been posted in five locations within the Village, and in the newspapers. The Warrant and Clerk's report of the Annual Meeting, 2016, had been included in the Annual Report which was published prior to the meeting.

Article 1: To choose a Moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting. Blair Einstein, representing the Nominating Committee, nominated Timothy Samway. There were no nominations from the floor. Timothy Samway was elected Moderator, by written ballot, of the Annual Meeting.

Samway welcomed everyone to the 102nd Annual Meeting of the Northport Village Corporation. He then recognized Herman Littlefield, Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (in Northport) and a 28-year veteran of the Army, and asked him to lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. For the past 6 years, Herman's project has been installing flags on the poles along Route One and on Bayside Road. He receives permission from Central Maine Power to hang the flags. The cost for same has increased over the years. Donations can be sent to: Northport Flag Fund, c/o Herman Littlefield, 1360 Atlantic Highway, Northport, ME 04849.

Before reading the Rules of Procedure, the Moderator asked that we take a moment of reflection to remember our friends and neighbors who passed away since the last meeting. Voters were asked if there were any names that should be added so that the Clerk could include those names in her report.

Maria Borden
Harold Burbank
June Burbank
Joanne Coughlin
Jim Coughlin
Zelma Huntoon
Fred Kelly
Richard Makahusz
Jane Phillips

In his opening remarks, Samway introduced the Officers of the Village Corporation, members of the Board of Overseers, and Office Manager for the Village, Amy Eldridge. He then went over the requirements for voter eligibility and read the Rules of Procedure for the meeting. Samway emphasized that this was an open town meeting of the Northport Village Corporation and not a meeting of the Overseers and Officers.

Samway stated that everyone who is a voter should feel they have the right and the privilege to speak, ask questions, make motions and at any time ask for clarification. The Moderator’s job is to make sure all voters have their say and to be fair in all rulings. An additional reminder is that the Moderator will be the one to Call the Question and will do so after all voters have had their opportunity to speak. The Moderator will also be the one to ask for the Motion to adjourn and do so after the business of this meeting has been completed.

Samway thanked Amy Eldridge for doing a great job producing this year’s Annual Report, Bill Paige and crew for getting the Community Hall ready for the meeting, and Steve Trenholm for the flags and patriotic bunting.

Article 2: President’s Report

The President’s Report is on page 13 of the Annual Report. President John Spritz informed the attendees that the Overseers had approved the hiring of a Police Officer for the remainder of the summer. This news was greeted with cheers from the audience. He recognized Bill Paige, Village Agent, and thanked him for keeping all of us on track and for his tireless work. He reminded everyone that the next Overseers’ Meeting would be held at the Drinkwater School, followed by a tour of the school.

Article 3: Treasurer’s Report

Prior to his report, Steve Kazilionis noted that copies of the Annual Report, Audited Financials and some supplementary reports for the year were available for anyone to take on a table at the front door. If needed, additional copies can be obtained from Amy Eldridge in the village office. His written Treasurer’s Report is on page 14 of the Annual Report.

Article 4: To see what sums of money the Northport Village Corporation will raise and appropriate for the following accounts for the fiscal year 2018.

Overseers’ Proposed Budget

Expenses:

Total 6000 Administration	\$ 22,650
Total 6199 Employee Wages & Benefits	\$ 26,250
Total 6200 Buildings & Utilities	\$ 6,100
Total 6290 Roads	\$ 15,000
Total 6400 Community	\$ 46,100

Total 6500 Protection and Safety	\$ 23,556
Total 6600 Village Contribution to Sewer	\$ 5,000
Total 6900 Long Term Debt Service	\$ 58,009
Total 8200 Capital Expenditures & Contingency	<u>\$ 32,010</u>
Total Expenses	\$234,675
 Total Funds to be Raised	 \$234,675

The money will be raised as follows: \$25,000 will be requested from the Town of Northport as part of the warrants of the Town’s Annual Meeting. The NVC expects to raise \$7,900 of other revenue (\$6,000 Utility rent, \$1,200 interest, and \$700 Community Hall Rental), the balance (\$201,775) is to be raised from the Village property tax. If the \$25,000 warrant is not approved by the voters of the Town of Northport, \$226,775 will be raised from the Village property tax.

Vicki Matthews moved that NVC raise and appropriate \$234,775 for the fiscal year 2018; seconded by John Woolsey.

The Moderator called for a vote on Article 4.

VOTED – carried by the majority.

Article 5: To approve the proposed amendments to the Bylaws

Judy Metcalf moved that Article 5 be adopted as written; seconded by Paul Nyren.

Judy Metcalf referred to the Governance Committees’ report on pages 16 and 17 of the Annual Report. In their report they list the three major changes to the Bylaws and explained them.

Hearing no further questions or comments, the Moderator called for a vote on Article 5.

VOTED – carried by the majority.

Article 6: To approve the proposed changes to the Dog Waste Ordinance.

Vicki Matthews moved the Article; seconded by John Woolsey.

Vicki Matthews read the proposed Dog Waste Ordinance. The Ordinance has been in place for more than 12 years. The continued presence of dog waste in public areas motivated the Governance Committee to recommend to the Overseers a more rigorous ordinance by adding a fine of \$25.00 to the Dog Waste Ordinance

The Moderator called for a vote on Article 6.

VOTED – carried by the majority

Article 7: To see if the Northport Village Corporation will vote to appropriate and authorize a majority of the Overseers of the Corporation to borrow on behalf of the Northport Village Corporation and/or expend funds from accumulated surpluses, a principal amount not to exceed \$202,000 in anticipation of 2018 taxes and to issue and sell for that purpose general obligation bonds or notes of the Northport Village Corporation, the proceeds to be used for the purpose of providing working capital for governmental activities of the Corporation, such bonds and notes to be issued upon such further terms or conditions as may be determined by a majority at least of the Overseers of the Northport Village Corporation.

Judy Metcalf moved the Article; seconded by Vicki Matthews.

Steve Kazilionis explained the Article and answered questions regarding Article 7. Seeing no further comments or questions, Moderator Samway called for a vote on Article 7.

VOTED – carried by the majority.

Article 8: To see if the Northport Village Corporation will vote to authorize a majority of the Overseers of the Corporation to borrow on behalf of the Northport Village Corporation a principal amount not to exceed \$250,000, and to issue and sell general obligation bonds or notes of the Northport Village Corporation for that purpose and/or to expend funds from accumulated surpluses (the combined borrowing and use of surplus funds not to exceed \$250,000), for replacement and repair of Community Hall and Wharf as needed, repairs to utilities operated by the Village Corporation, for reconstruction of shoreline damage to property owned by Northport Village Corporation, or for repairs of roads owned by the Corporation, such bonds and notes to be issued upon such further terms or conditions as may be determined by a majority of the Overseers of the Northport Village Corporation, and further to authorize the Overseers to accept and expend federal or state grants, execute any and all contracts and documents and take any and all actions necessary or convenient to issue the bonds or notes of the Northport Village Corporation and accomplish the Project.

Judy Metcalf moved the Article 8 be adopted as written; seconded by Paul Nyren. Steve Kazilionis explained the Article.

Seeing no further discussion, the Moderator called for a vote on Article 8.

VOTED – Carried by the majority.

Article 9: To see if the Northport Village Corporation will vote to authorize a majority of the Overseers of the Corporation to use the balance of revenues in excess of expenses at the end of 2017 for improvements to Village infrastructure and/or for support in providing entertainment and cultural events and the facilities therefore in the Village.

Paul Nyren moved that Article 9 be adopted as written; seconded by Vicki Matthews.

Dan Webster asked Steve Kazilionis to explain the Article and had questions pertaining to same. Judy Metcalf and John Spritz answered questions regarding Article 9. Moderator Samway stated that a motion could be made to amend Article 9 at this Annual Meeting.

Dan Webster moved that Article 9 be amended to read: "To see if the Northport Village Corporation will vote to authorize a majority of the Overseers of the Corporation to use the balance of revenues in excess of expenses at the end of 2017 for improvements to Village infrastructure." Suzanne Molnar seconded the motion to amend Article 9.

Moderator Samway read Article 9, as amended, striking from Article 9: "and/or for support in providing entertainment and cultural events and the facilities therefore in the Village."

After reading the proposed amendment to Article 9, Moderator Samway opened it up for discussion.

Bill Cressey urged a "no" vote on the amendment to Article 9, as did Edie Fulton.

Moderator Samway seeing no further questions or comments on the amendment to the Article called for a vote on the Amendment to Article 9.

VOTED – Opposed by the majority. The amendment to Article 9 failed.

Moderator Samway, again, read Article 9, as it was originally written. Hearing no further questions or comments on Article 9, Moderator Samway called for a vote on Article 9.

VOTED – Carried by the majority.

Article 10: To fix a rate of interest on taxes delinquent September 1, 2017, equal to that charged by the Town of Northport.

John Spritz moved that Article 10 be adopted as written; seconded by Judy Metcalf.

Judy Metcalf explained that we do not know the rate of interest at this time. The Town of Northport sets this rate of interest. To avoid this penalty she said "pay your taxes on time."

Seeing no further questions or comments on Article 10, Moderator Samway called for a vote on Article 10 as written.

VOTED - Carried by the majority.

Article 11: To elect Officers by written ballot (President, Clerk and Treasurer).

Moderator Samway reminded the voters that anyone from the floor can nominate Officers or Overseers without needing a second.

The Moderator asked Blair Einstein, representing the Nominating Committee, to present the slate of officers.

President – John Spritz was nominated. There were no nominations from the floor. John Spritz was elected President, by written ballot, of the Northport Village Corporation for the coming year.

Treasurer – Steve Kazilionis was nominated. There were no nominations from the floor. Steve Kazilionis was elected Treasurer, by written ballot, for the coming year.

Clerk – Maureen Einstein was nominated. There were no nominations from the floor. Maureen Einstein was elected Clerk, by written ballot, for the coming year.

Article 12: To elect Overseers by written ballot.

Moderator Samway asked Blair Einstein, representing the Nominating Committee, to present the slate of candidates for the seven positions for the office of Overseer. A slate of seven candidates was presented for Overseers as follows: Richard Brockway, Lee Houghton, Wendy Huntoon, Michael Lannan, Victoria Matthews, Judy Metcalf and Paul Nyren. Samway asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor.

Overseers elected, by written ballot, to a one-year term:

Richard Brockway, Lee Houghton, Wendy Huntoon, Michael Lannan, Victoria Matthews, Judy Metcalf and Paul Nyren

Tim Samway congratulated the Officers and Overseers. He recognized outgoing Overseer John Woolsey for his years of service on the Board of Overseers.

Article 11: Reports of Committees.

Reports of Committees are in the Annual Report. Moderator Samway asked if any of the Overseers would like to add any further information to their reports.

Infrastructure Committee: Dick Brockway said the Committee's primary focus is on two major projects: the Community Hall upgrade and a three-year repair/rebuild of the seawall just north of the wharf. A brochure for this project is available at the Village office.

Utilities Committee: Judy Metcalf recognized Fernie Barton who, for the past 25 years, has overseen our pump stations, treatment plant and the testing of Bayside's water 365 days a year. Dick Brockway made a miniature model of the Treatment Plant near the wharf for Fernie Barton. This was presented to Fernie prior to the start of the Annual Meeting in recognition of his service to the Village. He was unable to attend the Annual Meeting because he was travelling to Portland, Maine.

Bayside Historical Preservation Society: Joe Reilly thanked Rob Sherman for his tireless work. There was an exhaustive debate about Rob Sherman's age, some say 86, some say 88, one person actually threw out 90! Joe also thanked Dick Brockway and Art Hall for their incredible repair of the Merithew Square Pump House.

Bayside Library: Dorrie Lloyd-Still's report is on page 29 of the Annual Report. Dorrie will be retiring overseeing the Library at the end of 2018.

Food Pantry: Moderator Samway reminded everyone that the Northport Food Pantry continues to need our support. He asked Patti Wright to speak in that regard. She stated that the Food Pantry Auction was a successful and meaningful event. She thanked everyone for their generosity and participation in making the Auction a success. With our help, the Food Pantry now has resources to secure good food and safeguard it properly. The Pantry has a new furnace, the roof has been fixed, and they are working on sill repairs, all long-deferred needs. Patti reminded everyone to continue to take bottles and cans to the Northport Redemption Center marked for the Food Pantry. A bin remains at the Post Office in Lincolnville where food can be donated year-round. The donations must be nonperishable, not opened and not expired. Any monetary donations can be sent to: Northport Food Pantry, P.O. Box 27, Lincolnville, ME 04849. Collaboration with the Food Pantry began 14 years ago by Bayside kids with the help of Patti Wright. Patti gave special thanks to Cathie & Jim Ross who will be helping with fundraising next year and to Colleen Oberg who gathered many of the articles for the Auction this summer.

Adjournment: Seeing no further questions or comments, Moderator Samway asked George Metcalf, former Overseer, to make a motion to adjourn the meeting, he recognized Ned Lightner, also a former Overseer, to second the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Einstein
Clerk, Northport Village Corporation