



Minutes of the Meeting of the Northport Village Corporation Board of Overseers

9:00 am, May 10, 2020

Virtual – Zoom

Attendees

President: John Spritz

Treasurer: Steve Kazilionis

Village Agent: William Paige

Overseers

Miles Frieden

Lisa Fryer

Michael Lannan

Vicky Matthews

Judy Metcalf

Michael Tirrell

Jeffrey Wilt

Meeting called to order: 9:00 am

Approval of Minutes: Judy M. made a motion, seconded by Jeffrey W., to approve the minutes from the April 19th meeting; the vote was unanimous.

Seawall Update:

- Mike L. is waiting for the contract from Farley, but it should be set and ready to start in the fall.
- The North Street project has had a survey done by the engineer. Many of the lots in the area are very close to the proposed construction.
 - Bill Haverty agreed to chair the North Street work meeting; the goal is to put in a basin and prevent erosion.
 - Judy M. questioned if seawall financials will be affected if the North Street project is on a different timeline.
 - Vicky M. wanted the Infrastructure Committee to come to the Overseers Meeting with recommendations and solutions.
 - Mike L. stated that some of the alternate designs included in the seawall package would need to go in front of the village at annual meeting. The Infrastructure Committee recommended to pursue all 3 alternatives with only labor and materials as extra costs.

Nordic Aquafarms Update:

- Vicky M. stated that after the DEP hearing in February, NVC submitted part of Upstream Watch's briefs because of size. John signed off and NVC submitted briefs.
- Mike L. stated that the next event scheduled is the May 20/21 BEP Board deliberation.

Coronavirus Task Force Updates:

- Michael T. stated that the consensus is to move in the same direction as the state, to include self-management and limited access to community areas.
 - Village office opens June 1, but will have limited hours and work with one at a time rule. Nina R. will get PPE supplies for village office. Will have building cleaned before reopening, suggests Community Hall be closed to outside rentals.
 - Waterfront suggestions: Move swimming to beach front, swim float moved out of park and put on storage mooring. Wharf to be used primarily for boat access, walking out to



look at the view, limit number of people on wharf. Beach should be to walk, swim, get in kayaks, and try to discourage gatherings.

- Recommended: do not have kayaks on seawall because of lifeguard chair. Suggestion is to have kayaks on grassy slope that goes up the wall and open additional space in Ruggles park on the other side of ditch.
- Michael T. made a motion to accept the Personnel Committee recommendations in whole, with conditions to allow sunbathing on beach with social distancing and maintain access to lifeguard doing their job. Judy M. seconded the motion and suggests clarification of prohibiting sunbathing/loitering applies to wharf and all activities at beach and parks while following social distancing rules. Vote is unanimous.
- Jeffrey W. made a motion, seconded by Judy M. to approve up to \$2,000 to be spent on appropriate signage for the summer season. Motion passes, four in favor, three opposed.

Report of the Treasurer:

- Steve K. stated that no financial reports are ready, but he reviewed preliminary numbers. There are no immediate concerns if North Street is approved and rolled into the \$1.6 million bond. If North Street is delayed, there might be complications.
- The Town of Northport has informed the NVC that they cannot support \$25,000 for reimbursement for taxes, and will be able to make only a \$15,000 payment instead; the NVC will inform the attendees at the Annual Meeting of this differential.
- Steve K. stated that if the Village is unable to have an annual meeting this year, the NVC can use the 2020 budget as a 2021 budget—but the NVC will not be able to do any capital projects, borrow money, and no warrant changes available. The seawall project will move forward, since its funding has been approved. The Village is not currently in a position to have warrants on the North Street addendum.

Infrastructure Committee:

- Mike L. – nothing to report.

Tree Committee:

- Lisa F.: plants have been purchased for Merithew Square.

Tree Warden:

- Vicky M. stated that a tree on West Street was taken down and logs were left for whomever wants them.
- Treeworks will be working in the Village next week. There will be a balance of \$917 left in the tree-injection budget, to deal with browntail moths. The suggestion is to leave the money there to possibly inject trees next year.

Communications Committee:

- Lisa F. stated that she posted Governor's orders regarding COVID-19 regulations in Ruggles Park, but they were taken down. Information about new Bayside regulations will be circulated through Dan Webster's website and will be put up throughout the Village in laminated posters.



Finance Committee:

- Judy M. - Nothing to report

Governance Committee:

- Judy M. stated that the parking ordinance was circulated and solicited and received comments. A public meeting is planned, once the community is able to deal safely with COVID-19.

Personnel Committee:

- Jeff W. - Nothing to report

Utility Committee:

- Judy M.: Superintendent's Report has been shared, and the plant is operating well.
- Only one bid was submitted to build the new disinfection building, but it was higher than anticipated (\$283,000). The Utility Department plans to re-submit the bid and/or negotiate and/or request an extension from the EPA. Michael L. stated that the original engineering estimate of \$120,000 may not be feasible.
- A Village homeowner had 100 gallons of kerosene delivered which ended up in the septic system. Clean Harbors was brought in to clean up the spills. The DEP has been over, the oil and water have been pumped out of the basement. An investigation was completed but could not find the cause. The homeowner is changing to propane. DEP will cover the costs of the cleanup, approximately \$10,000.

Safety Committee

- Michael T.: as of now there is only one lifeguard retained for the season. Danny Ryosa will be joining the police force and will be meeting with the Safety Committee next week.

Waterfront Safety Committee:

- Jeff W. - Nothing to report

Town of Northport Issues:

- Vicky M. stated that the municipal election is June 13th and the Northport town meeting is June 16th, unless changed.

Report of the President:

- John S. stated that Mike L. had raised an issue at the last Overseers meeting (April 19) about a potential conflict of interest for Judy M, whose law firm does work for the Utility department. He has withdrawn this concern.
- The Annual Report will be available no matter how the Annual Meeting is configured.

Village Agent Report:

- Bill P. stated that the pump issues, for which \$5,000 had been approved by the Overseers, was completed for \$2,000, so money was saved.



- Bill contacted three landscapers to work on the playground area but has had only one response and it was high; he suggests waiting until next year.
- Bill started on spring maintenance; the boat float needs work but the Village can get by if contractors cannot do it this year.

Office Manager Report:

- Steve K. stated that he is giving Nina R. more of his duties.
- Nina R. will speak with the Personnel Committee about aspects of the office position.
- Mike L. made a motion, Judy M seconded, to authorize up to \$1,500 to buy a quantity of PPE gear to start. Vote is unanimous.

Community Comments:

- Morgan Knott: Asked about easement for North Street and abutments and if property owners are being notified. He wants to know if the Overseers are required to notify property owners formally of abutting properties. Will work with the Infrastructure Committee moving forward.
 - Judy M. says property owners should be notified.
 - Michael L. states there have been multiple meetings open to the public all last year.
- Vicky M. stated that the ordinance signs and dog signs should be put out next month
- The timing and placement of the lifeguard chair will be decided by the Safety Committee.

Meeting Adjourned: at 12:10 pm

The next Overseers Meeting is at 9 am on Sunday, June 14th.

Meeting minutes submitted by Nina Richard.