

Northport Village Corporation

Annual Report

August 13, 2024



**Bayside
Town of Northport, Maine**

Editor's Note

If you haven't heard by now, a certain someone is stepping away from her longtime service on the Board of Overseers. She says it's time. Others are hopeful she'll stay active on a committee or two. Still others wonder about a future campaign to entice her back. When told recently that an effort to draft her to run again could take shape in the years ahead, she guffawed – sputtered, in fact.

But still...

- Michael Tirrell

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
Municipal Officers of the
Northport Village Corporation
August 13, 2024



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President's Dedication: Judy Metcalf

The 2024 Northport Village Corporation Annual Report is dedicated to Judy Metcalf, in heartfelt recognition of Judy's years of dedicated and passionate service to Bayside. This year Judy leaves the NVC Board of Overseers after 21 years of continuous elected service as an Overseer.

Judy's love of Bayside began as a child on her family's first visit to Bayside. One of her father's business colleagues, Rick Gnutti, told her father, Jim Sheehan, that a client who was unable to pay his legal fees gave him as payment the deed to a "camp" in Maine. Mr. Gnutti suggested that his colleague might want to take the Sheehan family to Maine and check out the "camp" for him.

In 1966, Mr. Sheehan drove his family to Bayside for their first visit to Maine. Staying at the Gnutti cottage (on Broadway), the family was delighted – a beach, a park and an old well with a hand water pump that worked! The next year, the family returned as owners of a cottage on Main Street, and they joined the generations of families blessed to enjoy years Bayside summers. Judy met George Metcalf on the Bayside dock, and they dated while she was in law school. Judy and George were married in Belfast, held their reception at the Northport Golf Club in Bayside, and continued to enjoy Bayside summers with their family in the Maple Street cottage that had belonged to George's parents, and is a stone's throw away from her sisters' – Patti Wright and Jackie Facey – Main Street cottages.



Judy was first elected to the Board of Overseers in 2003, and the village wisely reelected her since then. She has served as a Utilities Trustee since 2005. During her lengthy service on the Board, she often wore multiple hats – serving as Chair of the Finance, Communications and Governance Committees. Under her leadership since it was created in 2016, the Governance Committee has tirelessly researched, drafted and/or updated village ordinances, subsequently adopted by the voters, to adapt to the changing needs of the village.

Judy’s invaluable service to Bayside began well before her election to the Board and is probably unknown to newer villagers. Beginning in the mid-1990’s, a handful of disaffected property owners outside the core village filed lawsuits and sought state legislation challenging the NVC’s right to collect property taxes, seeking to significantly shrink the NVC boundaries or to dissolve the village corporation. At the NVC 1994 Annual Meeting, villagers voted overwhelmingly to retain its village corporation status.

There are numerous examples of where Judy’s legal expertise and experience – and her passion for preserving Bayside – supported village leaders’ responses to these challenges to the NVC’s existence. To share just one example, in response to a challenge to the legality of the statute that governs the NVC tax assessment and collection system, Town of Northport officials declined to assess and collect NVC taxes for the years 1993 and 1994. Representing the village on a pro bono basis, Judy won a judgment in the Waldo County Superior Court ordering the Town officials to discharge their duties as required by law and to properly process the NVC 1993 and 1994 taxes, as they had done in the past.

Through the years, Judy has generously provided pro bono legal analysis and counsel that has benefited the village in many largely unnoticed areas. And her support of Bayside extends beyond village corporation matters. She advised the Bayside Historical Preservation Society in its formation and guided it through issues around acquiring and moving the Shady Grove cottage that currently houses the BHPS museum. And, in 2021, the Northport Yacht Club bestowed on Judy the club’s Unsung Hero Award for her behind-the-scenes work on the club’s behalf.



During the short three years that my term as President coincided with Judy's last term on the Board, I have relied on and appreciated her deep historical knowledge of the NVC's history; governing practices, policies and documents; and her grounded and practical advice. I will miss Judy's perspective and contributions at Board meetings and the depth of her knowledge of the village, but ... I have her number. Thank you, Judy.

Janae Novotny



Northport Village Corporation (NVC) – Information 2024

FOR EMERGENCIES:

Police, Fire, Medical Call 911

FOR NON-EMERGENCIES:

Waldo County Sheriff 207.338.6786

VILLAGE BUSINESS:

Village Office 813 Shore Road
Northport, Maine, 04849
207.338.0751
office@nvcmaine.org

Office Hours Monday: 9:00AM – 12:00PM
Tuesday: 9:00AM – 12:00PM
Wednesday: 9:00AM – 2:00PM
Thursday: 9:00AM – 2:00PM
Friday: 9:00AM – 12:00PM

Village Agent Bill Paige – 207.338.0751

Office Manager Trish Parker – 207.338.0751

Utilities Superintendent Chuck Applebee, Water Quality
Compliance Services

Wharfmaster Craig Brigham – 207.624.2769

Please direct all questions and concerns to the NVC Office.

Meetings of the NVC Board of Overseers are posted on www.nvcmaine.org

The NVC Annual Meeting is held on the 2nd Tuesday in August.



Village Officers and Board of Overseers

NVC Officers

Janae Novotny, President	Term ends 2024
Gwendolyn Huntoon, Treasurer	Term ends 2026
Maureen Einstein, Clerk	Term ends 2025

NVC Overseers

Celine Bewsher	Term ends 2025
Brady Brim-DeForest	Term ends 2024
Fred Lincoln	Term ends 2025
Victoria L. Matthews	Term ends 2024
Judy Metcalf	Term ends 2024
Michael Tirrell	Term ends 2026
Jeffrey Wilt	Term ends 2026

Committees & Chairs

	Chairperson
Finance	Fred Lincoln
Governance	Judy Metcalf
Infrastructure	Celine Bewsher
Personnel	Janae Novotny
Safety	Michael Tirrell
Parks and Trees	Victoria L. Matthews (Tree Warden)
Utilities	Jeffrey Wilt
Waterfront	Brady Brim-DeForest

Please contact the Village Office to relay a concern or message to the Overseers or any committee.

The village website also has information on each committee and meeting minutes: www.nvcmaine.org



**Public Notice
Northport Village Corporation
Annual Meeting
August 13, 2024
6:00 PM**

To the Presiding Police Officer or Designated Agent for Northport Village Corporation in the County of Waldo, State of Maine.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Northport Village Corporation in Waldo County, Maine, qualified by law to vote in village affairs, to meet at Basketball Court in Bayside on Tuesday the 13th day of August, 2024, at 6:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles. If the weather is inclement as of 2:30 p.m., the location will be the Community Hall at 813 Shore Road, Bayside.

Article 1: To choose a Moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: President's Report.

Article 3: Treasurer's 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 2025.



OVERSEERS PROPOSED BUDGET

Expenses

Contracted Services	\$ 45,390
Auto Expenses	\$ 27,470
Employee Wages and Benefits	\$ 101,398
Administration (ref. Note 1)	\$ 36,950
Legal and Professional Services	\$ 29,000
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 136,250
Protection and Safety (ref. Note 2)	\$ 2,400
Utilities	\$ 20,429
Long Term Debt Service (Bond Expense)	\$ 112,560
Other Expenditures (ref. Note 3)	\$ 36,400
Total Expenses	\$ 548,247
Total Funds to be Raised	\$ 548,247

Note 1: Administration category includes: Community Events, Information and Notices, Insurance, Membership Dues, Office Supplies, Postage, Software, and Tax Collection Fees.

Note 2: Protection and Safety category includes: Safety Committee Operations, Police Training, and Police and Lifeguard Uniforms/Equipment/Supplies.

Note 3: Other Expenditures category includes: Reserves, Contingency/Other Misc., and Personnel Salary Adjustments.

The money will be raised as follows: At the Town of Northport Annual Town Meeting on June 17, 2024, as part of the warrants of the Town's Annual Meeting, the Town voted to raise, appropriate, and expend, and commit funds for the Northport Village Corporation for municipal services provided by the Village that benefit the Town in the following amounts: \$11,000 for wharfs/floats maintenance and repairs, \$15,500 for maintenance and repair of Village roads, and \$3,500 for two days of additional lifeguard coverage (\$30,000 total). The NVC also expects to raise \$8,520 from other revenue (Community Hall rental, Watercraft Registration fees, and interest income). The balance (\$509,727) is to be raised from the Northport Village Corporation property tax.



Article 5: 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 \$509,727 in anticipation of 2025 taxes and to issue and sell for that purpose general obligation bonds, notes, or other financial instruments 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, notes or other financial instruments 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.

Financial Statement

1. Total Village Indebtedness

A. Total bonds outstanding and unpaid as of 12/31/2024	\$2,031,740
B. Total bonds authorized and unissued.	\$1,485,924
C. Bonds to be issued if this article is approved	\$ 509,727
D. [NOTE: This bond would replace \$485,924 of the sum included in line B]	<u>(\$ 485,924)</u>
TOTAL	\$3,541,467

2. Costs

At an estimated rate of 7% (seven percent) for a term of one year, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$ 509,727
Interest:	<u>\$ 35,681</u>
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE:	\$ 545,408

3. Validity

The validity of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not by reason of the variance.

_____/S/_____
 Treasurer, Northport Village Corporation



Article 6: 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 \$1,000,000 and to issue and sell general obligation bonds, notes or other financial instruments 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 \$1,000,000) for replacement and repair of Community Hall and Wharf/Floats as needed, repairs to utilities operated by the Village Corporation, for reconstruction of shoreline damage to property owned by Northport Village Corporation or repairs of roads owned by the Village, such bonds, notes or other financial instruments 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, notes or other financial instruments of the Northport Village Corporation and accomplish the Project.

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C. Bonds to be issued if this article is approved	\$ 1,000,000
[NOTE: This bond would replace \$1,000,000	
of the sum included in line B]	<u>(\$1,000,000)</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3,541,467

2. Costs

At an estimated rate of 7% for a term of 20 years, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$ 1,000,000
Interest:	\$ 860,717
Total Debt Service:	\$ 1,860,717



3. Validity

The validity of the voters’ ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue differs from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

_____/S/_____

Treasurer, Northport Village Corporation

Article 7: To fix a rate of interest on taxes delinquent after September 1, 2024, equal to that charged by the Town of Northport, which is eight and one-half percent (8.5%).

Article 8: 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 2025 for improvements to Village infrastructure and/or for support in providing entertainment and cultural events and the facilities therefore in the Village.

Article 9: To see if the Village will vote to authorize the Overseers to establish rules and regulations, from time to time, addressing the use, protection, and preservation of Village owned assets in the interest of the Village and public safety of its residents, after public hearings on any such rules and regulations.

Article 10: To elect by written ballot three Overseers for the NVC for three-year terms and a President for a term of three years.

Article 11: Reports of Committees.

ADJOURNMENT



NOTICE OF OVERSEERS MEETING:

The newly elected Board of Overseers will meet to be sworn in and attend to Village business immediately upon the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

Dated: July 14, 2024

Northport Village Corporation

Janae Novotny, President

Maureen Einstein, Clerk

Gwendolyn Huntoon, Treasurer

BOARD OF OVERSEERS

Celine Bewsher _____ /S/ _____

Brady Brim-DeForest _____ /S/ _____

Frederic B. Lincoln _____ /S/ _____

Victoria Matthews _____ /S/ _____

Judy A.S. Metcalf _____ /S/ _____

Michael Tirrell _____ /S/ _____

Jeffrey Wilt _____ /S/ _____

A true copy of the warrant,

Attest:

Maureen Einstein, Clerk _____ /S/ _____

Northport Village Corporation

Note: Due to early publication, this warrant may be changed or amended before the August 13, 2024 Annual Meeting. Current annual financials and Auditor’s Report will be provided at the Annual Meeting.



2025 General Budget

Northport Village Corporation

	2024 Approved	2025 Proposed	Change
Revenue			
4000 Revenue			
4100 General Government Revenue			
4200 General Operating Revenue			
4210 RE Tax Revenue			
4216 2025 RE Tax Revenue	\$485,924.00	\$509,727.00	\$23,803.00
Total 4210 RE Tax Revenue	\$485,924.00	\$509,727.00	\$23,803.00
4230 Town of Northport Revenue	\$25,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$5,000.00
4235 Rent from Utilities	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	-\$3,000.00
4240 Watercraft Registration Revenue	\$4,100.00	\$3,770.00	-\$330.00
Total 4200 General Operating Revenue	\$518,024.00	\$543,497.00	\$25,473.00
4300 General Non-Operating Revenue			
4310 Interest Income (G)	\$200.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,800.00
4320 Community Hall Rentals	\$1,000.00	\$750.00	-\$250.00
Total 4300 General Non-Operating Revenue	\$1,200.00	\$4,750.00	\$3,550.00
Total 4100 General Government Revenue	\$519,224.00	\$548,247.00	\$29,023.00
Total 4000 Revenue	\$519,224.00	\$548,247.00	\$29,023.00
Gross Revenue	\$519,224.00	\$548,247.00	\$29,023.00
Expenditures			
6000 Expenses			
6010 1099 Contractors			
6020 Contracted Services			
6021 Mowing & Trimming Service	\$12,550.00	\$12,550.00	\$0.00
6022 Trash Collection	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$0.00
Total 6020 Contracted Services	\$36,550.00	\$36,550.00	\$0.00
6036 Bookkeeping	\$6,806.50	\$8,840.00	\$2,033.50
Total 6010 1099 Contractors	\$43,356.50	\$45,390.00	\$2,033.50
6050 Auto Expenses			
6051 Auto Fuel Expense			
6052 Cruiser Fuel	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00
6053 Truck Fuel	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Total 6051 Auto Fuel Expense	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00	\$0.00
6055 Auto Repairs & Maintenance			
6056 Cruiser Maintenance	\$3,520.00	\$3,520.00	\$0.00
6057 Truck Maintenance	\$2,500.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,500.00
Total 6055 Auto Repairs & Maintenance	\$6,020.00	\$7,520.00	\$1,500.00
6058 Mileage Expenses			
6059 Accrue for Truck Replacement	\$16,350.00	\$16,350.00	\$0.00
Total 6050 Auto Expenses	\$25,970.00	\$27,470.00	\$1,500.00
6065 Community Events	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$0.00
6070 Employee Wages & Benefits			
6075 Employee Benefits			
6076 Company Paid Benefits	\$4,672.00	\$4,000.00	-\$672.00
6077 Income Protection Plan	\$300.00	\$700.00	\$400.00
Total 6075 Employee Benefits	\$4,972.00	\$4,700.00	-\$272.00



2025 General Budget

Northport Village Corporation

	2024 Approved	2025 Proposed	Change
6080 Employee Salaries & Wages			
6083 Lifeguard Wages	\$11,600.00	\$11,200.00	-\$400.00
6084 Office Personnel Wages	\$25,170.00	\$17,218.96	-\$7,951.04
6084.5 Finance Manager		\$7,947.50	\$7,947.50
6085 Police Wages	\$10,100.00	\$10,100.00	
6088 Village Agent Wages	\$40,996.80	\$25,380.80	-\$15,616.00
6088.5 Village Agent Assistant		\$5,200.00	\$5,200.00
6089 Village Officials Wages	\$650.00	\$650.00	
6090 Winter Roads Wages	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Total 6080 Employee Salaries & Wages	\$88,516.80	\$87,697.26	-\$819.54
6095 Payroll Processing Expenses	\$2,200.00	\$2,200.00	\$0.00
6096 Payroll Tax Expenses	\$5,500.00	\$6,800.00	\$1,300.00
Total 6096 Payroll Tax Expenses	\$5,500.00	\$6,800.00	\$1,300.00
Total 6070 Employee Wages & Benefits	\$101,188.80	\$101,397.26	\$208.46
6150 Information & Notices	\$3,250.00	\$3,250.00	\$0.00
6160 Insurance			
6161 Property & Casualty Insurance	\$5,295.00	\$6,250.00	\$955.00
6162 Workers Comp Insurance	\$3,900.00	\$5,500.00	\$1,600.00
Total 6160 Insurance	\$9,195.00	\$11,750.00	\$2,555.00
6170 Interest Paid			
6190 Legal & Professional Services			
6191 Auditing Services	\$3,500.00	\$9,000.00	\$5,500.00
6192 Engineering Fees	\$36,000.00	\$10,000.00	-\$26,000.00
6193 Legal Fees	\$2,500.00	\$10,000.00	\$7,500.00
Total 6190 Legal & Professional Services	\$42,000.00	\$29,000.00	-\$13,000.00
6210 Licenses, Permits and Fees			
6240 Membership Dues	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
6260 Office Supplies	\$4,700.00	\$5,000.00	\$300.00
6285 Postage	\$300.00	\$500.00	\$200.00
6330 Repairs & Maintenance			
6331 Building Repairs & Maintenance	\$5,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$3,000.00
6332 Cleaning	\$1,750.00	\$2,000.00	\$250.00
6333 Grounds General Maintenance	\$28,000.00	\$18,000.00	-\$10,000.00
6334 Road Maintenance	\$21,000.00	\$51,850.00	\$30,850.00
6336 Tree Maintenance	\$10,800.00	\$10,800.00	\$0.00
6337 Wharf & Floats Maintenance	\$35,000.00	\$41,000.00	\$6,000.00
6342 General Repairs & Maintenance	\$3,550.00	\$4,100.00	\$550.00
6343 Library Operations & Maintenance	\$400.00	\$500.00	\$100.00
Total 6330 Repairs & Maintenance	\$105,500.00	\$136,250.00	\$30,750.00
6344 Safety Committee Operations	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
6345 Software	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00
6360 Tax Collection Fees	\$9,724.00	\$10,100.00	\$376.00
6370 Training			
6371 Police Training	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Total 6370 Training	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
6390 Uniforms, Equipment & Supplies			



2025 General Budget

Northport Village Corporation

	2024 Approved	2025 Proposed	Change
6391 Lifeguard Uni/Equip/Supp	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
6392 Police Uni/Equip/Supp	\$3,250.00	\$1,000.00	-\$2,250.00
Total 6390 Uniforms, Equipment & Supplies	\$4,000.00	\$1,750.00	-\$2,250.00
6400 Utilities			
6401 Electricity Expense	\$2,307.00	\$1,200.00	-\$1,107.00
6402 Oil/Propane	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
6403 Hydrant Rental	\$6,500.00	\$6,429.00	-\$71.00
6405 Street Lights	\$11,516.00	\$8,000.00	-\$3,516.00
6406 Telephone & Internet Expense	\$560.00	\$600.00	\$40.00
6407 Water & Sewer	\$3,255.00	\$3,200.00	-\$55.00
Total 6400 Utilities	\$25,138.00	\$20,429.00	-\$4,709.00
Total 6000 Expenses	\$380,322.30	\$399,286.26	\$18,963.96
6800 Bond Expenses			
6812 2009 MMBB Bond Principal	\$33,984.00	\$0.00	-\$33,984.00
6813 2009 MMBB Bond Interest	\$706.86	\$0.00	-\$706.86
6816 2013 MMBB Refinance Bond Principal	\$5,867.20	\$6,067.08	\$199.88
6817 2013 MMBB Refinance Bond Interest	\$2,923.44	\$1,365.66	-\$1,557.78
6818 2015 BHBT Bond Principal	\$20,788.80	\$21,664.31	\$875.51
6819 2015 BHBT Bond Interest	\$1,275.76	\$428.46	-\$847.30
6820 2021B MMBB Bond Principal	\$44,680.32	\$45,019.90	\$339.58
6821 2021B MMBB Bond Interest	\$18,651.78	\$38,014.86	\$19,363.08
Total 6800 Bond Expenses	\$128,878.16	\$112,560.27	-\$16,317.89
Total Expenditures	\$509,200.46	\$511,846.53	\$2,646.07
Net Operating Revenue	\$10,023.54	\$36,400.47	\$26,376.93
Other Expenditures			
7100 Contingency Expenses	\$10,024.00	\$36,400.00	\$26,376.00
Total Other Expenditures	\$10,024.00	\$36,400.00	\$26,376.00
Net Other Revenue	-\$10,024.00	-\$36,400.00	-\$26,376.00
Net Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00



President's Report

As I write this report, Bayside is full of the sights and sounds of the many summer activities treasured by Baysiders and visitors. Prior to our summer population bubble, village staff, volunteers and contractors worked to ready the village to host more summer memories for all who treasure our unique community. Winter storm damage to village infrastructure was repaired and debris cleaned up; the playground surface was refreshed, and equipment was repaired; seasonal water meters installed; and streets were swept by the Town.

To preserve and strengthen the village, the work of the NVC's Board of Overseers, committees, and employees continues without pause throughout the year. Much of the Board's work is accomplished through the efforts and recommendations of standing and ad hoc committees, chaired by an overseer and relying on the contributions of community member volunteers.

NVC committees work and meet (often via Zoom) throughout the year. The volunteer work of your Board, officers and committees and the dedicated work of NVC employees required to sustain, improve, and move the village forward is mostly unseen and quite remarkable. Their committed work over the past year is described in this Annual Report. My mention of only a few individuals must not diminish the work of any of the people named in this Annual Report; their time and efforts are necessary for the success of the village.

The dedicated volunteer and employee work detailed in this Annual Report is a testament to a very important take-away: the Northport Village Corporation is in good health. We have successfully conquered previous challenges, and we are thoughtfully and carefully facing new ones. For example, with an experienced Office Manager in Trish Parker, consistent and competent bookkeeping services, and the extraordinary volunteer efforts of Treasurer Wendy Huntoon, Finance Committee Chair Fred Lincoln, and Utilities Committee Chair Jeffrey Wilt, we will catch up with our audits by the end of 2024. What's more, with revised financial processes in place for 2024, we anticipate future clear sailing through a regular cycle of completed annual audits. As we successfully resolve that challenge, we face the challenge of considering affordable climate adaptation



strategies to protect our shoreline, parks and roads. As described below, Celine Bewsher's extraordinary efforts are informing our approach to this latest challenge.

Our cooperative relationship with the Town of Northport continued and expanded. Jeffrey Wilt, the Board's liaison to the Town, faithfully attended the twice-a-month Select Board meetings. I filled in for him, as needed, and attended Select Board budget development workshops. We continued to work closely with the Select Board and Town staff to understand the Town's operation and challenges, to broaden their understanding of the NVC, and to find shared interests. This year, the Town Select Board, composed of Chair Jeanine Tucker, Vice-Chair Breanna Pinkham-Bebb, and Molly Schaufler; Town Administrator James Kossuth, and Road Commissioner Amon Morse joined the NVC Board, officers and Village Agent in a very informative workshop to discuss shared infrastructure needs.

As a result of these mutual efforts of Town and NVC representatives, the Town Select Board, of their own volition, recommended an increased Town budget contribution to specific Bayside resources that benefit the entire Town. The Town budget approved at the June 2024 Annual Town Meeting allocated \$30,000 total to the 2025 NVC budget - \$11,000 to NVC's wharf and floats maintenance and repairs, \$15,500 toward village road repairs and maintenance, and \$3,500 to fund an additional two days of lifeguard coverage during the 2025 summer season. In addition, the Town Road Commissioner's plans include repaving Broadway this fall, assuming that available contractors can be identified to do the work.

As detailed in her annual report, Infrastructure Committee Chair Celine Bewsher's close work with the Town resulted in the Town's submission of an application for a State of Maine Community Resilience Partnership grant. The grant money awarded to the Town funded an engineering study to help the Town and NVC understand the extent of shoreline stabilization work recommended to mitigate the damage to Bayview and Auditorium Parks and along Shore Road from increasingly fierce winter storms. Celine continued her time-intensive and passionate work on NVC's behalf with the Town to identify and present other grant opportunities to the Board to address potential infrastructure projects.



The village is well-represented on the Town’s Climate Resiliency Committee, and Baysiders participated in good numbers in a second Town community meeting this spring to elicit community members’ ideas about the Town’s climate resiliency needs. A few community-based examples of the connections between Bayside and the Town include Baysiders’ participation in the Town’s annual road clean-up event in May, the growing number of children and parents “trick or treating” in the village this past fall (about 100 by some counts!) and the enthusiastic year-round use of the Ruggles Park playground.

Our “Donuts and Dialogue” events this summer informed the community about the wastewater treatment challenges the Utilities Department is addressing and the shoreline erosion challenges to our parks presented by climate change. We encouraged community participants to share their perspectives and priorities concerning these challenges because the community’s creative ideas and viewpoints can inform the Board’s strategic planning efforts.

Janae Novotny, President



Treasurer's Report

Wilke & Associates took on the bookkeeping functions from Philbrook & Associates in the fall of 2023. W&A had already worked with NVC, first as the interim bookkeeping firm in 2022 and subsequently working with the NVC Office, Officers and Overseers on preparing the audit for 2020 and subsequent years. Over the past year, NVC business office priorities focused on maintaining day-to-day activities, codifying business process and procedures, ensuring data accuracy in the general ledger and finalizing the outstanding audits.

The 2021 audit was finalized in February 2024 with the 2021 financial statements available on the NVC website. The 2022 audit was started in early June 2024 and is close to completion. Once the 2022 audit is completed, NVC will work with Wilke & Associates to prepare the financial reports and other documents for the 2023 audit. The 2023 audit will commence as soon as the documents are available and the audit is scheduled. The expectation is that the 2024 audit will start on schedule in early 2025.

The Board continues to review and understand both near-term and long-term budget priorities. Four budget workshops were held this past spring to develop the 2025 proposed General Government budget. Detailed financial information was provided for these meetings including draft 2025 budget estimates, commented and compared with previous approved budgets; updated millage information; personnel spreadsheet details and bond amortization information. Most of the current 2025 draft budget is comprised of either absolute known costs such as long-term debt service, contracted services (trash, lawns), or other areas using a combination of historical costs but also informed estimates (e.g., road maintenance and repairs, wharf and floats maintenance and repairs and auto expenses). In addition, personnel payroll and benefits costs reflect current and planned staffing.

This past year the Board has reviewed both cash flow and use of reserves. Documents for these discussions can be found at the NVC website in the Board monthly agenda documents and meeting minutes. In summary, NVC receives most of its revenue in September



each year, nine months into its fiscal year. Based on estimated yearly expenses, NVC needs roughly 65% of its operating budget in reserve to cover operating cash flow for this period. NVC's budget has increased over the past few years, thus the amount of funds needed in reserve has also increased. NVC's reserves have decreased over this same period with, by the end of 2024, \$95,000 from reserves used to partially cover the seawall bond interest payments (2021B MMBB Bond). Specific bond interest payments from reserves were \$50,000 in 2022, \$25,000 in 2023, and \$20,000 in 2024.

Gwendolyn Huntoon, Treasurer



Finance Committee Report

The NVC Finance Committee is composed of a diverse group of eight individuals from the village community, the Board of Overseers, and NVC officers – Fred Lincoln, Overseer and Chair; Janae Novotny, President; Wendy Huntoon, Treasurer; Brady Brim-DeForest, Overseer; Bill Cressey, Don Webster, Bill Eastty and Jeff Magee. As requested by NVC’s Board of Overseers, officers, or the other NVC committees, the Finance Committee and its members may provide independent support and conduct assessments on a variety of fiscal matters that serve to improve financial reporting, policies and procedures, or help drive fiscal operation and administration efficiencies. Committee members represent a variety of professional backgrounds and experience, offering a fully balanced approach in formulating potential solutions periodically offered for the Board of Overseers’ consideration.

Over the past year, the committee and its members have been involved with areas ranging from the monthly warrants, short and long-term debt financing exploration (as approved by village residents in the annual meeting articles), bank interest earning opportunities, the annual budgeting cycle, input to the NVC Annual Warrant, and audit support.

Committee meetings are announced in advance and periodically held throughout the year, with corresponding meeting minutes submitted to the Board of Overseers and posted at the NVC website. Members of the public are welcome to attend committee meetings.

Fred Lincoln, Chair



Infrastructure Committee Report

This past year has continued to present important infrastructure challenges to our village as we continue to face the effects of climate change: more frequent and more severe storms.

Given that, the Infrastructure Committee has mostly focused on three main areas. The first one, looking into the future, continuing to identify and prioritize large projects to consider, which will strengthen Bayside's climate resiliency. And as you all know, the first one of these projects is Shoreline Stabilization (more on this later). A detailed infrastructure planning priority list with future projects to consider has been shared publicly in board meetings and as part of committee meeting minutes. We encourage you to familiarize yourselves with the suggestions and engage in an active dialogue giving us your thoughts and feedback.

The committee's focus with the list is to continue making priority recommendations to the Board. The Board can then work on a Capital Planning Strategy with these resiliency projects in mind.

Our second focus has been on the execution of the first priority project recommended and agreed upon by the Board in 2023, which was the engineering study of village shoreline stabilization. (Bayview Park area and Auditorium Park area, including the bottom of Clinton Ave., aka Beale Park).

To finance this project, in partnership with the Town of Northport, we pursued the Community Resilience Partnership Grant (CRP), through the State of Maine amounting to \$50,000 and no match and, happily, we were awarded this grant in the fall of 2023.

Appropriation of this grant money allowed us to focus on the rest of the work that had to be done to get the engineering study completed. In the fall, we worked on an engineering study RFP with Northport's Town Administrator, James Kossuth, and went out to bid. Out of four firms that participated in the RFP process, we selected Gartley and Dorsky.



Once Gartley and Dorsky was contracted, we focused on ensuring that the engineering study gets completed over the course of spring and summer. This engineering study included Bayview Park Beach Area, Auditorium Park Beach Area (including lower Clinton, aka Beale Park), Kelly Cove, and a part of Shore Road. The engineering study includes the following phases: survey, schematic design and planning, civil engineering, and permitting. Gartley and Dorsky presented their engineering design recommendations for Bayview Park and Auditorium Park at the July 12th Donuts and Dialogue and received your feedback and answered your questions. Permitting will be the next phase that the engineering firm will complete.

Now that a big part of the engineering study and design is completed, what remains is finding funds for the second step of Village Shoreline Stabilization. And this brings us to our third large focus: grants that can help us finance these projects. We first pursued the Land and Water Conservation Fund. This fund posed some challenges along the way but with the help of James Kossuth, we were able to navigate some of these challenges through creative solutions. However, we then were asked to show the availability of matching funds for the grant at the time the application was due, which was end of June. This was our full stop in pursuing this grant.

This brought us to focus on the Maine Infrastructure Adaptation Fund, which is a state grant of up to \$4 million and requires only a 5% match. James Kossuth and I have just completed the narrative for the grant on the shoreline stabilization construction project for Bayview Park Area, Auditorium Park Area, and Kelly Cove. We also got input and feedback on our narrative from the Midcoast Council of Governments (MCOG), from Gartley and Dorsky engineering firm on some very specific questions as well as from Molly Schaffler, Northport Town Select Board member. We should know the results of our application in a couple of months. So, let's keep our fingers and toes crossed!

Looking ahead on grants, we will be applying for the Community Resiliency Partnership Grant again this fall. This is a 50K grant with no match, like the one we received last fall which funded the shoreline stabilization engineering study.



In addition to these, James Kossuth has been working with Waldo Emergency Management Agency with the objective of completing the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Once this is completed, we will be able to apply for many other proactive grants in partnership with Northport. We look forward to completing this process sometime next year so that we can access these more proactive grants.

Regarding the grants, I want to stress that we are doing, and will continue to do, the best we can to tap into these grants, but of course nothing is guaranteed. For example, just speaking about the CRP grant, we can see how it has become more and more competitive as more towns have enrolled, and the potential of what we would like to do might just not match what they have in mind. But rest assured, we will do our utmost to receive as much funding as possible. I would like to extend a huge thank you to James Kossuth and the Northport Town Select Board for their partnership on these grants, making access to them possible for Bayside. As Aristotle so relevantly stated, “The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.”

In closing, I would like to extend a huge thank you to the Infrastructure Committee members, who are Art Hall, Bill Paige, Bill Haverty, Dan Mooney, Gordon Fuller, and John Lojek. I am very grateful to have these guys on the Committee. They are knowledgeable and passionate about the village. They are hands-on and will not shy away from volunteering to do extra work on odds and ends, which also helps reduce costs for the Village. For example, Art took his personal time to inspect the floats and made recommendations to Bill Paige about how to increase their life span as much as we can. Gordon and Art during their volunteer time worked on a yardstick to show the depth of the water. The list can go on but I will stop there. So I want to extend a huge thank you to each one of the Infrastructure Committee members for volunteering their time.

With that, I very much look forward to our future conversations and actions together as we all work to preserve our beautiful village for years to come.

Celine Bewsher, Chair



Governance Committee Report

Beverly Crofoot, Elaine Moss, Dan Webster, and Jeffrey Wilt served ably again as the engine moving the Governance Committee's job forward. In these names you see long traditions of continuous, consistent, cooperative, and unselfish service to our community of Bayside. I hope that when you see them about, you thank each of them for the time they give. They may deflect, noting that they are happy to do so. Nonetheless, I am grateful for their gentle and intelligent guidance and know that little would be accomplished without their attention to the tasks.

In 2023 and 2024, the Governance Committee turned its attention to reviewing the Fire Ordinance. At the time of this publication, the Overseers are likely to adopt the changes recommended by the committee and the members of the public who provided input. A public hearing was conducted on June 20, 2024. The changes recommended make the language clearer regarding when a fire permit is needed before a resident seeks to have a fire, small, medium, or large. Helpful materials are on file at the Village Office and on nvcmaine.org to assist you in making your plans if they include a proposed fire.

Please remember that the Parking Ordinance, Waterfront Ordinances, Fireworks Ordinance, Dog Waste Ordinance, and Policies Regarding the Use of Public Lands provide simple, cooperative rules and regulations designed to preserve all of our safety, comfort, and enjoyment in Bayside. The voluntary, cooperative compliance with these rules assures that their more stringent enforcement provisions need not be invoked. Let's continue to follow the rules together.

This will be my last Governance Committee Report as my current term as an Overseer ends as of the Annual Meeting. I have decided to make room for others at the Overseers Table. The persons who sit at the table now are stalwart, smart, and dedicated. Bayside is so lucky to be represented by these selfless and reasonable people. Please recognize their hard work. The jobs of overseer and officer take hours of commitment. It is often thankless but always rewarding.



As I move aside for others, I need to say my own thanks. My love of Bayside really is bottomless. My experience of service to it probably started as a very young girl when my father brought me to the Annual Meeting. He stood in the back of the Community Hall, and I stood next to him watching and learning about this strange experience of bodies, motions, comments, and votes. As the evening waned, my father's eyes began to twinkle, and his smile got bigger. He bent down to me and said, "what you are watching is pure democracy." That magical night planted the seeds for my work for Bayside.

Others nurtured those seeds. Beverly Crofoot's dedication to Bayside has always been my lodestar. David Crofoot's leadership has been steady and loyal. And there are those who are no longer here whom I hope knew how much they meant as examples of commitment and as friends. Peter Allen, Richard Brockway, Jo Huntoon, and Jack Metcalf gave their all to Bayside. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to try to do the same.

Judy Metcalf, Chair



Parks & Trees Committee Report

The committee began the summer with a tour of the village parks to assess current needs. We were pleased to conclude that the parks are healthy and have been well maintained. This “walk thru” will become an annual event for the committee at the beginning of each summer season. We identified areas of overgrowth and invasive plants near the library, lower Ruggles Park and in lower Bayview Park and began clearing those areas.

A significant amount of time and effort went into assessing a proposal for a gift of a garden in upper Bayview Park. The committee unanimously felt that the garden would be a positive addition to the park and village. Additional conditions set by the overseers made the project untenable and the offer was withdrawn.

A pathway from Shore Road to Bluff Road on a strip of village property was approved by the overseers. An effort to identify boundaries for the project is ongoing and we hope to begin clearing the path during the summer of 2024.

A plan to place boundary plants around the basketball court has begun. We are waiting to hear from the landscaper on their suggestions to make that area safer.

Severe autumn winds felled four village trees and there has been increased concern from residents for existing trees. The arborist assures me that trees are meant to sway in the wind and where mother nature is concerned there are no guarantees. So, with fingers crossed and as weather systems change, let us hope for the best for our trees.

Treatments for Brown Tail Moth and Emerald Ash Borer were completed this spring for village trees in our parks. The Brown Tail Moth is still with us though each season there seems to be fewer than at their peak. Treatments are expensive, so again “fingers crossed” that they move on.

A new tree will be planted in the fall of 2024 at the library to replace the statuesque willow that died.



The Parks and Trees Committee members are enthusiastic, diligent and tireless workers. They bring many skills and much knowledge to our discussions. I truly enjoy working with these people. Please thank them for their work when you see them: John Woolsey, Bette Woolsey, John Hoy, Lisa Fryer, Alma Homola, Shannon Blaisdell, Don Webster and our newest member Dee Gautschi.

Victoria Matthews, Chair and Tree Warden



Personnel Committee Report

The Personnel Committee includes officers and overseers with responsibilities that impact personnel issues: Janae Novotny, President; Wendy Huntoon, Treasurer; Michael Tirrell, Safety Committee Chair; and Jeffrey Wilt, Utilities Committee Chair.

The Personnel Committee was appointed to consolidate and manage NVC personnel responsibilities. Our goal is to be a good employer that tangibly supports and appreciates our employees in the exceptional work they do our community's behalf. We address personnel issues at the macro and micro levels: analyzing staffing needs and budget impacts, developing and revising job descriptions, employing and evaluating regular and seasonal employees, assuring appropriate staff training, updating and developing personnel policies and procedures, managing required employment forms and maintaining personnel files.

The Northport Village Corporation is well-served by these competent, dedicated, resourceful and dependable individuals, who bring unique and valuable experience and perspectives to their work:

Regular Employees

Bill Paige - Village Agent and Utilities Distribution/Collection Operator

Fernie Barton - Treatment Plant Operator

Patricia ("Trish") Parker - Office Manager

Amy Eldridge - Utility Billing Clerk

2024 Seasonal Employees

Danielle Hicock, Lifeguard

Miles Cannon, Lifeguard

Utilities Department Superintendent

Water Quality and Compliance Services, Chuck Applebee, Principal Owner



This year, we were unable to recruit a part-time seasonal police officer for the village. Law enforcement agencies throughout the state of Maine are unable to fill full-time positions offering benefits and advancement potential, so we knew we faced a challenge when our previous officer became unavailable for this season. The Waldo County Sheriff's Office is informed that the village does not have a local officer, and the Sheriff's Office is available for emergency (911) and non-emergency (207-338-6786) calls throughout the year.

Janae Novotny, Chair



Safety Committee Report

The Safety Committee functions in an advisory capacity on issues, rules, regulations, and requirements associated with Bayside public safety. The committee provides the Board of Overseers with input, feedback, and advocacy around safety policy and budgetary priorities.

Members of the Safety Committee include:

Celine Bewsher
Jessica Cohen
Jim Coughlin
Gina Cressey
Beanie Einstein
Lisa Fryer
Jim Huning
Harry Rosenblum
Michael Tirrell (Chair)
Jeffrey Wilt

Police Coverage

Bayside is without a police officer for the first time in years. Despite recruiting efforts by the Personnel Committee over late winter and spring, the position remains unfilled – and the challenges in hiring someone this year might continue in the years ahead. Our one seasonal position is tough to fill in a competitive environment that has many communities looking to hire police officers for permanent positions that include benefits and hiring incentives. The 2025 budget includes a line item for police wages and the Personnel Committee will continue to seek qualified candidates.

As it does each year, the committee provided input and feedback on various issues and challenges around the limited police coverage – including how best to prioritize speed monitoring. The committee has asked the Overseers to prioritize the purchase of an additional digital speed sign for 2025.

Lifeguard Coverage

Bayside returned to daily lifeguard coverage this season, thanks in large part to Northport’s decision to provide funding for two days weekly.



Lifeguard coverage was reduced to five days in 2022 and 2023 due to budget limits. However, planning for 2024 includes restoring coverage to seven days due to the Town of Northport's decision to provide funding for an additional two days of coverage. We are fortunate to have recruited two new lifeguards, Danielle Hicok and Miles Cannon. Certified lifeguards are in short supply nationwide, with many swimming venues forced to go without coverage due to recruiting challenges.

The committee provides input into lifeguard schedule and coverage – as well as regular feedback about prioritizing safety issues on the wharf when throngs of swimmers can crowd the boats approaching the dock.

Dock Safety Signage

The committee finalized a new sign of “dos and don'ts” for the main wharf to alert children (and perhaps others) about restrictions on unsafe behavior. The thinking is the lifeguards need a clear sign to cite that reinforces rules and common sense around behavior that poses risks.

CPR Training & Fentanyl Awareness

We say a special thank you to Vicky Matthews for coordinating the CPR training and fentanyl poisoning sessions this year. More than 20 Baysiders are now trained in CPR and others have been trained in how to handle cases of fentanyl poisoning, which has had an explosive and alarming growth in recent years. The CPR sessions featured specific training in the use of AED devices – which is important because the village has invested in three AED's for use by the lifeguards and for placement in Community Hall. The fentanyl workshop focused on the use of the drug NARCAN® for Fentanyl overdoses (and other opioids) – and workshop attendees were provided with NARCAN® to use in an emergency situation. We hope that these training workshops will continue each year.

Bayside Safety Bulletin

This is new for 2024 – a bulletin that will be distributed on a regular basis during the high season to highlight safety issues and concerns. The piece is posted on the NVC website and distributed via Dan Webster's website and the village Facebook page. Issues discussed include: fires on beaches, fireworks banned in Bayside, kids and bike safety, where to park and where not, concerns about random, petty vandalism – and more. It takes a village!

Michael Tirrell, Chair



Utilities Committee Report

Utilities Trustees:

Casey Brown (Trustee)

Brady Brim-DeForest (Trustee & Overseer)

David Crofoot (Trustee)

Judy Metcalf (Trustee & Overseer)

Jeffrey Wilt (Chairman, Trustee & Overseer)

This year, we start our report with thanks to the dedicated team of professionals working tirelessly – some at 4:30AM – to keep our utilities department running. Our team includes Fernie Barton, Bill Paige, Chuck Applebee and Amy Eldridge. They work year-round managing 24-hour-a-day water and wastewater systems for your safety.

As a reminder, we operate under a license from the Federal EPA and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Our license includes limits for volume of discharge, and concentration of various components such as Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD), and Total Suspended Solids (TSS). Wastewater undergoes primary treatment involving settling of solids in a series of settling tanks. Wastewater is decontaminated with chlorine and then the chlorine is neutralized chemically before the effluent is discharged to the ocean.

This past year our Wastewater Department has faced difficulty meeting the limits of our license in relation to BOD. As you may recall, BOD reflects the strength of dissolved organic substances in our wastewater. There have been repeated instances where our effluent has exceeded our licensed limits, not only during our high season but throughout the year. To address this issue, we have continued the moratorium on new wastewater hook-ups to our system. In addition, we now utilize all three treatment trains (settling tanks) – effectively using the wastewater treatment plant’s full capacity all year, as well as pumping the tanks four times annually (up from once per year). Even with these efforts, we continue to experience and manage BOD exceedances.



Starting in summer 2024, our team will implement additional testing protocols to understand how and why our BOD struggles continue. We believe this issue could relate to deoxygenation created by the chemicals used to treat sewage; unapproved dumping or leakage of industrial wastewater or chemicals into our system; or the need for more regular pumping of our tanks.

The Water Department continues to function well, providing an ample supply of high-quality drinking water purchased from the Belfast Water Department. In the most recent year, we replaced our aging 4” water main with a new 6” water main. This main will assist in flow to the Village and serve as an important fire-fighting tool. We thank the Belfast Water Department for their assistance with installation. Ongoing testing of our potable water for heavy metals and for PFAS has shown no problems in the quality of our water. This year the cost of water we purchase from Belfast will increase by 30%.

Your Trustees continue to monitor the increased cost of operating and maintaining the NVC Utilities Departments – chemicals, water, aging infrastructure, and labor costs have all contributed to increased water and wastewater rates. The Trustees express particular concern with the ever-increasing cost associated with our required financial audits. In addition to the increased operating and maintenance costs, the Wastewater Department is at the beginning of a long journey to rebuild depleted reserves which provide much needed financial stability in the face of unexpected events. Water Department reserves remain at an appropriate level.

Your Trustees continue our commitment to running our Utilities Department in a responsible science-based and cost-effective manner. We all share in the belief that utilities expenses are part of the cost we bear, as a community, to protect the bay we all love and enjoy.

Jeffrey Wilt, Chair



Waterfront Committee Report

Now in its fifth year, the Waterfront Committee is continuing on its core mission to ensure sustainable access to the village waterfront by our ecosystem of users — yachters, boaters, kayakers, canoers, paddleboarders, swimmers, and anglers.

I would like to begin by thanking our hard-working volunteers: Craig Brigham (Wharfmaster), Jim Coughlin (Assistant Wharfmaster), Gordon Fuller (Assistant Wharfmaster), and Bill Haverty (Assistant Wharfmaster).

Not much has changed on the waterfront over the last year — it has largely been business as usual, with the exception of new signage that has been approved for the dock. Usage fees under the Waterfront Ordinance (which help to offset the costs of maintaining waterfront systems and infrastructure) have remained steady year over year:

- The fee for dinghies remains \$40;
- The fee for other small watercraft remains at \$20;
- An additional \$5 fee is imposed on non-resident registrations, i.e., those who do not reside in the Town of Northport, or who do not reside or own property within the boundaries of Northport Village Corporation.

The committee would like to remind community members of the following essential guidelines:

- All dinghies and small watercraft must display a current season NVC registration sticker (which can be obtained at the Village office);
- Dinghies tied to the inner or outer floats may not exceed 10' in length and 5.5' in width;
- Dinghy motors must not exceed 10 HP;
- Dinghies should be clearly marked with the owner's name and phone number;



- No dinghy should be left unattended at the dock boat float for more than 48 hours. If not in regular use, the dinghy should be secured to the out float, moored behind the owner's boat, or beached;
- Dinghies tied to a float that take on rainwater should be bailed immediately as the extra weight puts undo strain on the float system;
- Users of personal watercrafts (such as paddle boards, kayaks, canoes, etc.) who store their vessels on the waterfront should avoid leaving their watercrafts unused on the waterfront for extended periods.

By enforcing these measures and through the cooperative efforts of the boating community, the committee is hopeful of securing a future for our waterfront that is less congested and safer for everyone.

Brady Brim-DeForest, Chair



Village Agent Report

The 2023-24 year again presented challenges to the village that were felt particularly on the coast of Maine. In the early fall, we prepared for Hurricane Lee by pulling the floats and battening down village infrastructure. The impacts of three huge storms – one in December and two in January occurring at astronomical high tides – can still be seen. Although storm debris has been cleaned up, the loss of shoreline banking at Bayview, Beale and Auditorium Parks is noticeable. Surface damage to the dock caused by the storms has been repaired, and additional repairs are needed to the structure. The village continues to be busy all year as our winter population continues to increase. Cottage sales and cottage improvement projects through the winter contributed to the busyness.

Although every year has something new, the Village Agent’s work has a somewhat predictable rhythm:

- Budget permitting, continue to maintain dirt roads and repair and maintain paved roads. Stormdrains cleaned out and winter sand purchased in the fall. Plow and sand village streets through the winter until the snow stops.
- Monitor the work of our trash pick-up contractor.
- Work with our parks mowing contractor to make sure that the parks are raked and cleaned up in the fall and mowed and maintained during the spring and summer.
- Throughout the year, respond to inquiries from private contractors working in the village about building permit process, water and sewer connection issues, location of underground utilities and road issues.
- Work on a variety of projects for the Wastewater Department, fixing equipment that breaks, at least weekly trips to Waterville with testing samples required by our operating license.
- The transition to our new Utilities Superintendent, Chuck Applebee and his company, Water Quality Compliance Services, Inc., went well.



- Work on a variety of Water Department projects, including spring installation and fall removal of water meters, turning water on and off for seasonal water customers, investigating water leaks and monitoring the repairs.
- Manage pulling out and storing the floats for the winter. In the spring, work on float inspection and repair, as needed, and putting them in the water. Manage the annual marine engineer inspection of the wharf, which this year identified significant repairs needed as a result of the big storms.
- Close Community Hall and the Library for the winter and reopen for the summer.
- Work with Overseers' committees – Governance, Safety, Waterfront Safety, Infrastructure, Tree and Tree Warden, and Personnel. Keep the Overseers informed about current and future infrastructure repair and replacement needs.
- Supervise the seasonal lifeguards.
- Respond daily to questions and concerns of community members.
- Keep an eye on everything happening in the village.
- Coordinate with Town Road Commissioner about needed repairs and upkeep on Town roads in the Village. (For example, George Street, Broadway and Bluff Road)

Recent issues and activities:

- Worked with the Infrastructure Committee to identify recommended infrastructure priorities. Supported Committee Chair Celine Bewsher's work with the Town on grant opportunities. We were fortunate that a grant funded an engineer's report assessing the damage to Bayview, Auditorium and Beale Parks.
- Met with the Town Climate Resiliency Committee regarding Village infrastructure issues.



- **Wastewater Department:** This year, I spent more time working on Wastewater Treatment Plant operations. Fernie Barton and I identified a small chlorine leak, which the Superintendent promptly reported to state and federal agencies, as required. After we received a \$12,000 estimate to clean up and repair the leak, the Superintendent conferred with us and determined that we had the necessary licenses and experience to clean up and repair the leak at a huge savings to the Sewer Department. We devised a plan, cleaned up the leak and repaired the source of the leak, and the work was approved by the DEP.
- **Water Department:** When the old water meter that measures the water coming into our system from the Belfast Water District failed, we worked with the Belfast Water Department and Northport Volunteer Fire Department and upgraded to a new 6-inch water meter that will increase water flow to our fire hydrants. We added two new fire hydrants in the Village – one on Shore Road and one on Bluff Road. I flow-tested our hydrants and color coded them to meet NFPA standards. We are not required to begin installing seasonal water meters until May 1. In spite of cautions about spring freezes, some property owners request earlier installations. As a result of spring freezes this year, several water meters that were installed early froze, resulting the extra work for the Water Department and additional expense for the customer. In the future, no water meters will be installed before May 1.
- We continue to have heavy rains in short periods of time. Each storm results in washout problems on upper Maple Street, Rogers Lane, Oak Street, Park Row and Bayview Park. Using a heavy roller on the dirt roads has noticeably helped reduce the washouts.
- Property owner complaints about water runoff from village roads: Whenever I have an opportunity, I advise property owners who are building new structures or doing major remodels to build their foundations higher than the crest of the road grade to avoid flooding problems. Property owners who ignore this advice then complain that runoff from the road floods their property.



- Through the winter and spring, continued to respond to Dig Safe requests and coordinate with CMP and GWI contractors replacing power and telephone poles and stringing fiber optic cable. The Village Office now enjoys GWI fiber Internet.

I want to specifically thank these villagers who volunteer their time and skills on village projects throughout the year:

- Paul Overgaag contributed lots of help reading water meters with me and taking care of many needed small repairs.
- Art Hall is working on a tide gauge to hang off the dock.
- Gordon Fuller always makes sure that the Yacht Club sailing school boats are maintained and moved out of the park and Village roads as the summer season starts. He takes care of the village dinghy and quietly takes care of things he notices around the waterfront area.
- Steve Kazilionis repaired the ramp to the beach in Bayview Park and other projects.
- At 94 years old, Rob Sherman continues to be our oldest active volunteer, and he capably takes on a variety of small carpentry projects.
- John Spritz tackled weeding the playground.
- Shannon Blaisdell and Bryan Lhuillier mulched flower beds and removed invasive knotweed.
- Gordon Fuller and Dave Leaming, sponsored by the Yacht Club, cleaned up and hauled away storm debris piled up on the south seawall between and around the wastewater treatment plant and Yacht Club area.
- Wharfmaster Craig Brigham and Assistant Wharfmasters Jim Coughlin and Bill Haverty monitored the boat floats and kept order by moving dinghies to the outfloat and educating boat owners about dock rules. Craig also monitored the small watercraft storage area for compliance with NVC permits.
- Janae Novotny helped me with water meter reading and other projects.

William Paige, Village Agent



Technology Officer Report

The Technology Officer as a role is now heading into its fourth year. Presently, the remit of the Technology Officer includes oversight over:

- Technology infrastructure (including communications, information delivery, and data storage systems);
- Village information technology security;
- Technology, security, and data policies and compliance;
- Technical support for the Village staff and Overseers.

Over the past twelve months, we've continued to make meaningful strides towards improving village technology infrastructure and systems. Some of our accomplishments include:

- Expansion of our file storage and organization system for village staff;
- Installation of new video conferencing equipment for use by the Board of Overseers and its committees;
- Finalizing policies for acceptable use and security;
- Finalizing rollout of the new NVCMaine.gov domain.

Brady Brim-DeForest, Technology Officer



Wharfmaster Report

Welcome to the Northport Village Waterfront. This past year has been an interesting year for the wharf. We had two spectacular winter storms batter the wharf. The first flooded the entire area and the second storm wreaked havoc. The gazebo was lifted off the deck by the surge of the water below. Fortunately, the design of the installation prevented any damage to the gazebo. The deck of the wharf sustained damage in the form of lifted deck boards; some were loose and misplaced. The causeway to the wharf was eroded and some of the stones at the entrance were disrupted. Quick action by Bill Paige, our Village Agent, had the causeway and deck readily repaired. Evidence of the storm damage is not apparent. All is well at the wharf.

We continue to see an increase in the use of the wharf and waterfront. Everyone can ease the burden on these areas by limiting their long-term parking to the Cradle Park, removing their personal watercraft when not in use from the kayak storage area, and relocating their dinghy to the outer float if not in use within 48 hours. As these policies have been in place for many years we are seeing more compliance, though many people have yet to understand the need. Please respect the use of the village property.

As a reminder, the Cradle Park is no longer available for boat and trailer storage and will remain closed to that use for the foreseeable future. This area is designated as vehicle parking. Those that have guests or confined parking can utilize this area for their parking needs. There is a Parking Ordinance for street parking. When boating overnight, please park vehicles in the Cradle Park rather than at the waterfront.

We have a few replacement signs now installed. One at the bottom of Ruggles Park (the kayak area) to remind all users that a permit is required to keep a personal watercraft here. We have two new signs on the wharf, one with requirements for behavior at the swim float and on the deck of the wharf. The other is posted at the entrance to the ramp on the boat float. This sign is a highlight of the ordinances regarding the use of dinghies at the boat float. There are two lifeguards stationed on the wharf whose duties beyond saving



lives include maintaining order on the wharf, the swim float and the boat float. Please read these signs and abide by them for the good of the community.

Remember this is village property, we need to respect the requirements for using the waterfront and work together to make this an enjoyable area for all.

Craig Brigham, Wharfmaster



Bayside Arts Report

Since 2016, Bayside Arts has been bringing quality entertainment to Bayside during July and August. As always, we extend our heartfelt thanks to all our members and donors who help make the summer season a success, to volunteers who provide essential services, and, especially, to performers who share their talents with our community.

We were fortunate this year to be awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Maine Community Foundation, which enabled us to purchase a new sound system for the Community Hall. We can now recruit performers who do not want to travel with their own sound equipment. And the audio for our movies and lectures is much better and easier to understand. We are pleased to make this equipment available at no cost to the village and to other organizations using the Community Hall.

This year's events included a number of repeat visits by performers who have been on our roster in previous years, plus a couple of new offerings. In addition, we have been able to schedule three presentations by local artists discussing their work, as well as the ever popular "Dancing Under the Stars." Also, special thanks to Jessica Cohen for another successful season of movies for the entire family.

And still to come: return visits by Bayside favorites Ali Webb and Friends, and The Lake Trio.

We look forward to many more seasons and we would welcome anyone who would like to join our team to help make it happen. We always need people to help with publicity, and we especially need volunteers to help with the technical aspects of putting on a show. You do not have to already possess the know-how to execute these tasks - if there are people interested in lights, scenery, sound, special effects, etc., we will provide training and we will greatly appreciate your participation in our efforts.

Bill Cressey, President



Bayside Historic Preservation Society Report

Officers:

President - Joe Reilly; Vice-President - Beverly Crofoot; Treasurer - Helen Pelletier; Secretary - Robyn Tamura

Board of Directors:

Marjorie Crowley, Fred Lincoln, Harry Rosenblum, Joy Sherman, Bob Stetser, Lisa Webster

As with every other group in Bayside, the BHPS survives by the strength of its volunteers and their continued support. Our community organizations are unique in that volunteers make everything happen.

The BHPS continues to provide a visible historical context for the Bayside community through our Shady Grove Museum on Pleasant Street, informational displays in the Community Hall and through our website, www.baysidehps.org. Thanks to Dan Webster who often publishes photos and articles from our archives on his site, www.baysidemaine.com.

This past year we have received some wonderful donations. We received artifact donations for the museum from Barbara Dugan, Steve and Vickie Nelson, Amos Kimball, Marge Brockway, JoJo Brigham and the Shure family of Searsmont. Jim and Cathy Ross donated a new fire extinguisher for the museum. We also received substantial cash donations from John Dykstra, Brady Brim-DeForest and Ed Lord. And, many people donate a few more dollars when they fill out their annual membership forms. All of these donations are greatly appreciated!

Art Hall refurbished all of our informational signs around the village, and he reinstalled them after the long, wet winter! Harry Rosenblum republished Harold Hede's Walking Tour of Bayside, and copies are now available free of charge at the Museum, the Blair Agency and the Community Hall. Vickie Webster and Robyn Tamura have volunteered to create a "Welcome Wagon" packet to help new members to the community get to know their neighbors, organizations and activities in Bayside. Behind the scenes, Beverly Crofoot regularly curates displays in the Richard Brockway Meeting Room at Community Hall. The current display is called "How We Got Here." The walls are filled with photos and descriptions of the



various modes of transportation used by visitors to Bayside over the years and are complimented by Dick Brockway's models of buildings in Bayside. Rob and Joy Sherman continue to sponsor our "Collections Day" each summer in the Community Hall. Helen Pelletier and member Amro El-Jaroudi maintain our website and membership page. Rob Sherman repainted the front and back porch of the Shady Grove Museum.

This summer, we will sponsor two presentations for the community at the Community Hall. Artist Susan Tobey White will talk about painting in Bayside and painting Maine lobstering women. And, Bernard Fishman, Director of the Maine State Museum will speak about "Viewing 19th Century Maine through the Stereoscope and audience members will be able to view historic Maine in 3D!

The BHPS continues to connect with Bayside Arts and the NYC whenever possible. The BHPS also appreciates the support of the NVC through its overseers, President Janae Novotny and the staff of Bill Paige and Trish Parker.

Joe Reilly, President



Bayside Library Report

The Bayside library is located on the corner of George and Griffin Streets. The library has both a children's room and an adult room. It is open seasonally from around Memorial Day to Indigenous People's Day and daily from around 10:00AM to 5:00PM.

Books circulate on an honor system basis. Jen Lannan offers a weekly children's story hour on Wednesdays. Donations of books by members of the Bayside community make the library possible, and the community continues to give the library its enthusiastic support and use.

The library is managed by volunteers who open and close, sort and shelve, clean and maintain. Members of the 2023 team were: Suellyn Fleming, Jen Lannan, Jennika Lundy, Sea Chauvin and Heidi von Bergen.

A special thank you is due to the Samway's whose generous contributions keep the library full of current titles and the gardens looking beautiful.

Jennika Lundy, Director of Library Operations



Northport Yacht Club Report

NYC Board of Directors 2023-2024

Jim Facey - Commodore
Dave Leaming - Vice Commodore
Emerson Smith - Rear Commodore
Gordon Fuller - Fleet Captain
Karen Trasatti - Secretary
Craig Brigham - Treasurer
Lisa Berry - Director
Lisa Webster - Director
Chris Lewton - Director
Ryan Fryer - Director
Bryan Field - Director

The Northport Yacht Club continues to serve as a social hub for the village. We boast 215 memberships, mostly families. The club is a place where friends reconnect after the long winter, social responsibility is embraced through charitable and educational activities, and generations learn boating and seamanship. The Northport Yacht Club is all about its many volunteers. We are now in our 85th year (1939); and we look forward to continuing our partnership with other community organizations to perpetuate what Bayside is - a community that is beyond special. This past year the sailing school continued to thrive, and the social events calendar was jam-packed. The sailing school has moved to online registration with great success, and we continue to mentor and guide our young sailors and blossoming instructors.

It was our honor to present Ben Webster with our 2023 Fred T. Martin Member of the Year Award for his extraordinary work in taking our sailing school registration process online. His efforts leading this process has enhanced and streamlined the planning process for everything involved with our sailing lessons and also enhances our cash flow.

It is important to note that the yacht club keeps its dues as low as possible; instead we rely on volunteers to provide what's needed to do the things we do. We could not run our sailing school without the volunteer support that allows us to maintain our fleet on a budget of



roughly \$10,000-\$15,000 each year. The fleet consists of 13 sailboats (9 - day sailors, 3 - 420's, 1 - Sonar keelboat), also 3 motorized chase boats and 2 dinghys for the boat float. This is a mindboggling feat in today's economy. It is only possible with volunteer efforts of people like Gordon Fuller, Dave Leaming, and Craig Brigham who put time in all year long and also the small army that shows up for Saturday morning work parties throughout June to get the fleet ready for the summer.

Every year we run some popular social activities like the Mother of All Yard Sales and the Pancake Breakfast. These events require lots of volunteer workers to make them go, and our members have never failed us. The 2023 tag sale one of our best ever by several measures, thanks to Celine Bewsher and her army of volunteers. The 2023 Pancake Breakfast was ably run by Rob Smit in his first year after taking over from Art Hall as PB Ramrod. Rob had another army of cooks and waiters who made it a great event.

For summer 2024, we continue with a full calendar of social events, sailing opportunities, and fun with friends new and old!

Jim Facey, Commodore



**CLERK’S REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE NORTHPORT VILLAGE CORPORATION
AUGUST 8, 2023**

The Annual Meeting of the Northport Village Corporation was held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the basketball court in Ruggles Park with 79 registered 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 2022 Annual Meeting had been included in the Annual Report, which was published more than two weeks before this meeting.

Prior to the nomination of a Moderator, the Clerk asked that we take a moment to remember those family members, friends and neighbors who had passed away in the last year.

Ann Blain Bixler
Charles Gerry
Judith Stitt
Phyllis “Jean” Thorndike
Warren Dyer
Cleo Alley
Peter Couture
Howard “Buck” Sawyer III
Mary Ellen (Short) Conner
Julian Cannell
Amos W. Kimball
Honora Frances Samway
Alden Badershall
Rachael M. Hayward

Article 1: To choose a Moderator, by written ballot, to preside at said meeting. Blair Einstein, representing the Nominating Committee, nominated Lee Woodward. There were no nominations from the floor. Lee Woodward was elected Moderator of the Annual Meeting. The Moderator took the Oath of Office from the Clerk.

The Moderator welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting and reminded everyone in order to vote at this meeting they had to register and receive a blue voting card.



Article 2: President's Report

President Janae Novotny welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting of the Northport Village Corporation. She reported that the state of the Village is excellent – due in large part to the unstinting work of volunteers. She noted that many of the activities that make Bayside summer memories happen only because of the work of volunteers – the Yacht Club, Bayside Arts, the Bayside Historical Preservation Society, the Bayside library.

She stated that the functions of Village Corporation also rely to a remarkable extent on volunteers, and asked all of those present here today who serve on a Village Corporation committee or volunteer for the Village in any other way to stand up so we can see and acknowledge you.

Turning to the elected Officers and Overseers, President Novotny thanked them for their unstinting service to the Village and highlighted just a few of the qualities she appreciated about each of them: Celine Bewsher's enthusiasm and energy as Infrastructure Committee Chair; Brady Brim-Deforest's patient and cheerful hands-on Technology Officer support; Village Clerk Maureen "Beanie" Einstein's quiet anticipation and completion of tasks the President didn't know needed to be done; Treasurer Wendy Huntoon's and Finance Committee Chair Fred Lincoln's thoroughness and unwavering attention to detail managing all aspects of the Village finances; Tree Warden and Tree Committee Chair Vicky Matthew's gracious and patient guidance of the committee through both opportunities and challenges; Judy Metcalf's deep historical knowledge of Village business, helpful guidance about Maine law and her willing wise counsel; Safety Committee Chair and Communications Committee Chair Michael Tirrell's thoughtful and creative insights and contributions; and Utilities Trustees Chair and Town Liaison Jeffrey Wilt's common sense approach to contentious issues that moves the debate forward productively.



President Novotny noted that the Board's good work would not get far without our dedicated and competent staff, and she recognized those present today – Bill Paige, Village Agent, Utilities Distribution and Collections Operator; Trish Parker, our new Office Manager; and Shiloh Field, our Office Assistant. Without our staff, Village vendors wouldn't be paid so the streetlights wouldn't turn on, trash would not be picked up, and the parks would not be mowed. Without our staff, Village roads wouldn't be plowed in the winter; the floats would not magically be in the water and ready for summer boaters; no one would cheerfully answer your questions when you call the Village office, and your toilets wouldn't flush.

In conclusion, President Novotny thanked all of the staff, Overseers and many other community volunteers whose good work makes it possible for her to report that the state of the village is excellent and its future is promising.

Article 3: Treasurer's Report

Wendy Huntoon referred villagers to her written report on Page 18 of the Annual Report. Wendy H. thanked President Janae Novotny for her wonderful leadership throughout the year.

Article 4: To see what sums of money the Northport Village Corporation will raise and appropriate for the following accounts for the fiscal year 2024.

Wendy Huntoon explained Article 4.



OVERSEERS PROPOSED BUDGET

Expenses

Contracted Services	\$ 43,356
Auto Expenses	\$ 25,970
Employee Wages and Benefits	\$ 101,189
Administration (ref. Note 1)	\$ 32,519
Legal and Professional Services	\$ 42,000
Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 105,500
Protection and Safety (ref. Note 2)	\$ 4,650
Utilities	\$ 25,138
Long Term Debt Service (Bond Expense)	\$ 128, 878
Other Expenditures	\$ 10,024
Total Expenses	\$ 519,224
Total Funds to be Raised	\$ 519,224

Note 1: Administration category includes: Community Events, Information and Notices, Insurance, Membership Dues, Office Supplies, Postage, Software, and Tax Collection Fees.

Note 2: Protection and Safety category includes: Safety Committee Operations, Police Training, and Police and Lifeguard Uniforms/ Equipment Supplies.

The money will be raised as follows: At the Town of Northport Annual Meeting on June 19, 2023, as part of the warrants of the Town’s Annual Meeting, the Town voted to raise, appropriate, and expend funds for the Northport Village Corporation in the amount of \$12,000 for wharfs/floats maintenance, \$6,000 for Village Roads, \$3,500 for Parks, and \$3,500 for two days of additional lifeguard coverage (\$25,000 total) for municipal services provided by the Village that benefit the Town. The NVC also expects to raise \$8,300 from other revenue (Rent from Utilities, Community Hall Rental, Watercraft Registration fees, and Interest Income). The balance (\$485,924) is to be raised from the Northport Village Corporation property tax.

The Moderator said he would entertain a motion to adopt Article 4 as printed. Bill Weisenbach moved, seconded by Walter Hickman that Article 4 be adopted as printed.

VOTED – Article 4 was overwhelmingly adopted as printed.



Article 5: 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 \$485,924 in anticipation of 2024 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.

Financial Statement

1. Total Village Indebtedness

A. Total Bonds outstanding and unpaid as of 12/31/2022	\$2,469,948
B. Total bonds authorized and unissued	\$ 906,440
C. Bonds to be issued if this article is approved	\$ 985,924
D. (Note: This bond would replace \$406,440 of the	
Sum included in line B)	<u>(\$ 406,440)</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$3,455,872</u>

2. Costs

At an estimated rate of 7% (seven percent) for a term of one year, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$ 485,924
Interest:	\$ 34,015
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE:	<u>\$ 519,939</u>

3. Validity

The validity of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not by reason of the variance.

The Moderator said he would entertain a motion to adopt Article 5 as printed. Cynthia Stuen moved, seconded by Bill Cressey, that Article 5 be adopted as printed.

Voted – Article 5 was overwhelmingly adopted as printed.



Article 6: 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 \$1,000,000 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 \$1,000,000) 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 repairs of roads owned by the Village, 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.

Financial Statement

1. Total Village Indebtedness

A. Total bonds outstanding and unpaid as of 12/31/2022	\$2,469,948
B. Total bonds authorized and unissued	\$ 985,924
C. Bonds to be issued if this article is approved	\$1,000,000
(NOTE: This bond would replace \$500,000 of the sum included in line B)	(\$ 500,000)
TOTAL	<u>\$3,955,872</u>

2. Costs

At an estimated rate of 7% for a term of 20 years, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$1,000,000
Interest:	\$ 70,000
Total Debt Service	\$1,070,000



3. Validity

The Validity of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue differs from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Wendy Huntoon explained the Article.

The Moderator said he would entertain a motion to adopt Article 6 as printed.

Bill Weisenbach moved, seconded by Walter Hickman, to adopt Article 6 as printed.

Voted – Article 6 was overwhelmingly adopted as printed

Article 7: To fix a rate of interest on taxes delinquent after September 1, 2023, equal to that charged by the Town of Northport.

Fred Lincoln explained Article 7.

The Moderator said he would entertain a motion to Adopt Article 7 as printed. Judy Metcalf moved, seconded by Bill Cressey, to adopt Article 7 as printed.

Voted – Article 7 was overwhelmingly adopted as printed.

Article 8: To see if the Village will vote to use reserves to fund the 2024 interest payment on the \$1.6M Seawall Bond in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. The Seawall Bond was authorized at the 2019 Annual Meeting.

Treasurer Wendy H. explained Article 8.



The Moderator said he would entertain a motion to adopt Article 8 as printed. Bill Cressey moved, seconded by Diantha Thorpe, to adopt Article 8 as printed.

Voted – Article 8 was overwhelmingly adopted as printed.

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 2024 for improvements to Village infrastructure and/or for support in providing entertainment and cultural events and the facilities therefore in the Village.

Fred Lincoln explained Article 9.

The Moderator said he would entertain a motion to adopt Article 9 as printed.

Bill Weisenbach moved, seconded by Walter Hickman, to adopt Article 9 as printed.

Voted – Article 9 was overwhelmingly adopted as printed.

Article 10: To see if the Village will vote to authorize the Overseers to establish rules and regulations, from time to time, addressing the use, protection, and preservation of Village owned assets in the interest of the Village and public safety of its residents, after public hearings on any such rules and regulations.

The Moderator said he would entertain a motion to adopt Article 10 as printed. Bill Weisenbach moved, seconded by Walter Hickman, to adopt Article as printed.

Voted – Article 10 was overwhelmingly adopted as printed.



Article 11: To elect, by written ballot, two Overseers for the NVC for three-year terms and a Treasurer for a term of three years.

Moderator Woodward asked the Nominating Committee if there were nominations for two Overseers for three-year terms. Amanda Hickman, representing the Nominating Committee, nominated Michael Tirrell and Jeffrey Wilt. There were no nominations from the floor. Michael Tirrell and Jeffrey Wilt were elected to three-year terms. The Moderator asked the Committee to cast two written ballots for Michael Tirrell and two written ballots for Jeffrey Wilt.

Moderator Woodward asked the Nominating Committee if there were nominations for Treasurer for a three-year term. Amanda Hickman, representing the Nominating Committee, nominated Wendy Huntoon. There were no nominations from the floor. Wendy Huntoon was elected Treasurer to a three-year term. The Moderator asked the Committee to cast two written ballots for Wendy Huntoon.

Article 12: Reports of Committees

President's Report: Janae Novotny's report is on page 15 of the Annual Report.

Treasurer's Report: Wendy Huntoon's report is on page 18 of the Annual Report.

Communications: Michael Tirrell's report is on page 19 of the Annual Report.

Finance: Fred Lincoln's report begins on Page 21 of the Annual Report.

Governance: Judy Metcalf's report begins on Page 23 of the Annual Report.

Personnel: Janae Novotny's report begins on Page 25 of the Annual Report.

Safety: Michael Tirrell's report begins on Page 27 of the Annual Report.



Parks & Trees: Vicky Matthew's report begins on Page 30 of the Annual Report.

Infrastructure: Celine Bewsher's report begins on Page 32 of the Annual Report.

Utilities: Jeffrey Wilt's report begins on Page 35 of the Annual Report.

Waterfront: Brady Brim-Deforest's report begins on Page 37 of the Annual Report.

Village Agent: Bill Paige's report begins on Page 39 of the Annual Report.

Technology: Brady Brim-Deforest's report is on Page 42 of the Annual Report.

Wharfmaster: Craig Brigham's report begins on Page 43 of the Annual Report.

Bayside Arts: Bill Cressey's report begins on Page 45 of the Annual Report.

Bayside Historical Society: Joe Reilly's report begins on Page 47 of Annual Report.

Bayside Library: Jennika Lundy's report is on Page 49 of the Annual Report.

NYC: Emerson Smith's report begins on Page 51 of the Annual Report.

Adjournment:

Moderator Woodward entertained a motion to adjourn. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Einstein, Clerk



Outstanding Taxes
As of May 31, 2024
Tax Year 2023

AROCHO, STEVEN A	\$ 642.21
BOSK, SARAH RACKLIFFE	\$ 424.98
BUTTERS, JAMES & SANDRA	\$ 921.58
CATES, LINDSEY T	\$ 8.98
CHRISTENSEN, CLIFFORD	\$ 31.23
CROSBY, MARK	\$ 2,803.40
DESMARAIS, STEPHEN M	\$ 1,235.29
FISCHER, SHARON	\$ 1,071.99
★ HOIKALA, KAREN A	\$ 871.92
HOWARD, WILLIAM R JR	\$ 962.64
LOVEJOY, EDWARD & MARGARET	\$ 1,741.44
RAND, AARON J.	\$ 849.47
SHAVER, NANCY	\$ 9.16
ZITTLE, SUSAN M	\$ <u>1,124.51</u>
TOTAL	\$ <u>12,698.80</u>

Tax Year 2022

BUTTERS, JAMES AS TRUSTEE 50% & BUTTERS SANDRA AS TRUSTEE 50%	\$ 734.93
FISCHER, SHARON	\$ <u>835.52</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,570.45

★ Denotes full payment received after 05-31-24



Building & Plumbing Permits

Here listed are the permits issued for the NVC in the Town of Northport:

- 6 Building permits; the breakdown is as follows:
 - 1 Additions
 - 1 Shed
 - 3 Shoreline Stabilization
 - 1 Demo
- 10 Plumbing Permits
- 10 Internal Permits

Respectfully submitted,
C. Toupie Rooney
Code Enforcement Officer
Local Plumbing Inspector
Town of Northport



In Memoriam

We remember dear family and friends who have passed in the last year:

William Kenneth Banks

John J. Fleming

Harrison “Lefty” Homans

Josiah Parmerley Huntoon, Jr.

Laura Lea Knox

Angie Couture Kuklinski

Judy Rohweder

Nancy Purcell Scholhamer

Mary Ann “Mimi” Strahan



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