

**Northport Village Corporation
Draft Minutes of the Board of Overseers Meeting
Sunday, June 14, 2026**

Overseers, Officers and Staff present: Diana Eastty (via Zoom); Kris Mix (via Zoom); Fred Lincoln; Elaine Moss; Michael Tirrell; President, Janae Novotny; Treasurer, Wendy Huntoon (via Zoom); Village Agent, Bill Paige; Office Manager, Alyssa Haywood; Clerk, Maureen Einstein.

Not present: Vicky Matthews

Public Comments

Alma Homola (11 Park Row): We are having trouble with pigeons on the dock. The flock has increased from last year.

Craig Brigham: Northport Yacht Club's Request for Access to Village Property for Construction Activity

On behalf of the Northport Yacht Club, Craig Brigham submitted a Request for Access to Village Property for Construction Activity. During the Overseers discussion of the Request, a consensus of opinion developed that (1) the request is premature because, among other reasons, the Yacht Club has not approved a specific plan for alterations to the yacht club building and the sketches presented were inadequate to understand the scope of the potential project and (2) an alteration to a historic building on Village property in a very public location will require a public hearing. Elaine Moss will prepare a letter to the Yacht Club outlining the information needed from the Club to inform the public about proposed alterations to the Yacht Club building. Craig B. read a statement and withdrew the request.

John Woolsey – Wastewater Treatment Building

John Woolsey (37 George Street) - Requested funding for the expenditure of plantings around the wastewater treatment building.

Michael T. made a motion, seconded by Elaine M., not to exceed \$600.00 for the purchase of supplies for the Wastewater Treatment plant for beautification. Voted – Unanimous.

Approval of the Minutes of the May 10, 2026, and June 7, 2026, Overseers' meetings.

Fred L. - correct the spelling of "*Janae*" on the first page and on page two under "Donuts & Dialog" to read "*General Government Budget.*"

Elaine M. made a motion, seconded by Michael T., to approve the minutes with the corrections noted. Voted – Unanimous.

Fred L. made a motion, seconded by Michael T., to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2026, meeting. Voted – Unanimous.

President's Report - Janae Novotny

Recommended approval of Bayside Art's request to store their sound equipment and lighting board in the kitchen this summer.

Michael T. made a motion, seconded by Elaine M., to allow Bayside Arts to store their sound equipment and lighting board in the kitchen. Voted – Unanimous.

Recommendation to approve the Town of Northport's request to use Ruggles Park on August 2, 2026, from 2-6 p.m. for a lobster bake/art sale/musical performance community event and fundraiser for the new Town Hall/Community Center.

Fred L. made a motion, seconded by Elaine M., to approve the Town of Northport's request to use Ruggles Park on August 2 from 2-6 p.m. Voted – Unanimous.

After discussion, Elaine M. will take the "Request Form" back to the Governance Committee to amend the form to request details of the event.

Recommendation to approve Bayside Arts' request to use Community Hall on August 8 from 8-10 p.m. for a performance.

Michael T. made a motion, seconded by Fred L., to approve Bayside Arts' request to use Community Hall on August 8 from 8-10 p.m. Voted – Unanimous.

Addressing recent encroachment on Village property.

The Northport Planning Board declined the request of 1 Auditorium Park for approval for proposed new stairs, which would expand their current encroachment on Village property. However, the Board did approve a secondary plan to build steps next to the cottage by removing part of their brick wall. The approved stairs will be within the existing encroachment on Village property.

Donuts & Dialog Dates:

July 5th - 8:30 a.m.: Budget - a review and discussion of the 2027 Budget

July 25 - 8:30 a.m.: Open Forum - an opportunity for villagers to bring topics, questions, comments, etc. of their choice.

August 8 - 8:30 a.m.: Capital Improvements - a review of upcoming and near-future improvements to Village infrastructure, including utilities infrastructure.

A reminder that the NVC's 2026 Annual Meeting is Tuesday, August 11.

Treasurer's Report - Wendy Huntoon

Wendy H. referred the Overseers to her detailed Treasurer's report circulated prior to the meeting. They are getting close to finalizing the 2025 Budget and are working to answer auditor's questions about two grants received by the Utilities Department.

Village Agent - Bill Paige

Bill P. referred the Overseers to his written report circulated prior to the meeting. There were questions and discussion regarding the recent gravel work at the bottom of Ruggles Park intended to encourage parking in the parking area and not on the grass and Bill P.'s plan to try to park the floats for the winter on the graveled area and not in the park. Michael T. suggested restenciling the "no parking" signs on some Village roads.

Office Manager's Report - Alyssa

Alyssa referred the Overseers to her written report circulated prior to the meeting.

Parks & Trees - Vicky Matthews

Recommended approval of the expenditure of up to \$400 to purchase supplies for the Shore-Bluff footpath steps.

Elaine M. made a motion, seconded by Fred L., to approve the expenditure of up to \$400 for the Shore-Bluff footpath steps. Voted – Unanimous.

Personnel Committee - Janae Novotny

Alyssa Haywood (Office Manager) and Melissa Doan (Finance Manager) have now met; everyone is on board.

Beach Fire Safe Practices & Guidelines - Elaine Moss & Michael Tirrell

Elaine Moss - This is an educational tool. Bill Paige took the guidelines to the Northport Fire Chief, who has signed off on them. These guidelines will be sent to the rental agent and villagers and will be posted on our billboards. After discussion regarding fines and enforcement, Kris M. suggested and Elaine M. will add "*written permission by the owners*" to the guidelines for this year. Enforcement and fines can be revisited next year.

Utilities - Fred Lincoln

No exceedances in April. The tanks will be pumped on June 26.

Safety Committee - Michael Tirrell

We will have three lifeguards to provide planned lifeguard coverage 7 days a week beginning July 4.

A reminder: Committee Reports for the annual meeting are due July 1.

Town Liaison Report - Janae Novotny

The Northport Annual Town Meeting is on June 15, 2026, at the Drinkwater School. The voters will be asked to vote on the proposed moratorium on RV campgrounds, “glampgrounds”, and event centers outside the Route 1 corridor.

The street sweeper has arrived and swept Village streets on Monday. This was a surprise because Amon Morse had reported that finding a street sweeper had been difficult this year.

The Town has hired a summer intern. She will be working on the Town’s website to make sure it is ADA-compliant, as required by federal law. Janae N. will share the intern’s conclusions with Michael T. and Diana E. so that we can benefit from her research.

The Town is seeking Community Resilience Partnership grant funding of \$50,000 for a project to identify folks in need of energy efficiency improvements and barriers to implementing these improvements.

The Town donated \$500.00 from the Town’s needy families fund to firefighter Katie Paige, who was severely injured in the Robbins Fire. The Town of Northport has raised \$10,000 from their website appeal for the Paige family, as well.

Public Comment

John Woolsey, 37 George Street, noted that the Village bulletin boards are very crowded and many notices take up more paper and space than needed. Bayside Arts will be collecting funds for Katie Paige at its events this summer.

Ned Lightner, 4 Maple Street, thanked the Board and officers for their work.

Dan Webster, 670 Shore Road, noted that the Be Fire Smart page has useful information.

John Spritz, Clinton Avenue, suggested that the Village have a mechanism for donating to the firefighters injured in the Robbins Lumber fire.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen (Beanie) Einstein, Clerk

and

Janae Novotny, President

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