



NVC Utilities Committee Meeting
Community Hall and by Zoom link
Friday, August 21, 2026, 2:30 P.M.

Trustees Present: Interim Chair Fred Lincoln, Judy Metcalf (Zoom), Casey Brown (Zoom), Diana Eastty, and Elaine Moss

Staff Present: Bill Paige, NVC Village Agent; Chuck Applebee, Utilities Superintendent; Alyssa Haywood, NVC Office Manager

Others: David Crofoot, Emeritus

Community Comments: None

The August 2026 meeting was called to order by the Interim Utilities Chair.

Approve Minutes: Following the chair's announcement of two administrative revisions to the draft July 17, 2026 meeting minutes, a motion for approval was made by Elaine Moss and seconded by Diana Eastty. Motion carried - Unanimous. The approved minutes were posted to the NVC website.

Sewer Pipe Reconfiguration Request – Metcalf: It was agreed to postpone this item to a later meeting date.

Superintendent's Report

1. The July 2026 reporting data reflect no violations for the period; wastewater operations continue measuring within regulatory limits. It was reported that some readings have been trending a bit higher but remain well within regulatory limits.
2. Dirigo Engineering will be seeking payment on the Fiscal Sustainability Plan (FSP) and Climate Adaptation Plan (CAP) engineering studies as associated with the respective grants. Review of the Dirigo report documents are currently in review with the Utilities Superintendent.
3. The State of Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) responded positively on July 14th to NVC's April 2026 Fire Protection Waiver request. The waiver is granted, subject to conditions contained in the body of the MPUC's 6-page order. Laurie Stevens (RCAP Solutions) and Chuck Applebee took an action to solicit clarification from the MPUC pertaining to certain elements of their July 14th correspondence which granted the waiver.
4. The Utilities Superintendent agreed to provide the committee with an updated draft to the Utilities Terms & Conditions document at the Sept. meeting. Context of this item are contained

in the July meeting minutes. Approved language from a similar Maine utility district is being leveraged and providing a savings.

5. A committee discussion ensued regarding an individual concern with a wastewater customer who may be occasionally making ice cream in their home. The primary focus was whether or not this activity poses any risk to NVC's positive performance trend. Two trustees will inform the homeowner of the concern. This will be followed by a conversation by the utility superintendent and the homeowner in order to gain a better understanding of the activity, and to ensure measures are being taken to minimize potential risk to our wastewater system. An update from the Utilities Superintendent will be provided at the Sept. committee meeting.

Village Agent

1. Source(s) of remaining water leaks continue being aggressively pursued and remediated. An updated status will be offered at the Sept. meeting.
2. Concerns have been raised about the unpleasant odors from the sewer treatment building at Ruggles Park. It was explained that this is caused by a number of factors including BOD breakdown, high August usage, high air temperatures, and wind conditions. The issue tends to subside after Labor Day. Possible remediation options were discussed. Casey Brown will be contacting an engineer in the village, who may be available to present solution ideas at the Oct. utilities meeting.
3. Bill updated the committee on discussions still in process with community members, the Parks & Trees Chair, and the Utilities Chair regarding aesthetic improvements to the wastewater treatment building at the foot of Ruggles Park. An earlier contractor estimate reflecting more substantial work was explained in greater detail. Currently, the aforementioned concluded the potential work scope can only involve replacement of the existing stairs and deck, along with vertical slats added to the concrete foundation. The chair has an action to discuss the stairs/deck replacement with the NVC Code Enforcement Officer, and then bring the matter back to Utilities before possibly moving forward to the overseers for consideration.

Financial Review

Customer collections with the second trimester water and wastewater billings are being received very promptly. An outstanding collection status will be provided at the Sept. meeting.

The current 2026 Budget vs. Actuals reports were reviewed by the trustees. The current month Water and Wastewater warrant amounts (approved by the NVC board of overseers at their August meeting) were disclosed to the trustees. This information is helpful not only for current year cost management but also for trend analysis when preparing the 2027 utilities' budgets.

The purchase of a new village truck was approved by NVC voters (Article 12) at the August NVC annual meeting. Funding shortfalls exist in both the water and wastewater truck accrual balances, which need to be addressed. The Water and Wastewater departments have each been sharing 25% of village truck-related costs. Through 2026, the Wastewater and Water departments have accrued \$8,000 and \$4,000, respectively. The utilities chair will consult the NVC Treasurer for options for

covering the remaining funds necessary, which might include use of USDA reserves, general reserves, or available contingency funds.

The most current month Bangor Savings Bank checking and savings balances (both departments) were reported to the committee, with a reminder of the amounts reflecting a point in time with operating expenditure activities ongoing.

Elaine Moss, who is leaving the NVC Utilities Committee in her interim trustee role, was sincerely thanked by committee members for her valuable efforts over the past six months.

The next meeting of the NVC Utilities Committee is scheduled for Sept. 18, 2026 and will be hosted by Trustee Judy Metcalf, due to Fred Lincoln's planned unavailability (foreign travel).

Meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.