

NORTHPORT VILLAGE COUNCIL

WATERFRONT COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING via ZOOM

September 15, 2020

Called to Order at 12:59 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Members present: Gremel, Harper, Cook

Members absent: None

Staff present: Edmondson, Holton, Holtz

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

STAFF REPORTS:

HARBORMASTER: Has a project list for 2021 including a new utility vehicle (GEM), changing light bulbs to all yellow to help with insect control, painting projects, all totaling 22 items to be considered at budget development time. Time again to find an environmentally safe spider control. Susan will send her to do list to the committee.

DPW: Chris Holton expressed concern that the bubbler system may not reach all areas this winter due to the continued high water. Some additions to the system may be necessary. Chris will coordinate with the diver. The DPW plans to make the bubbler system operational earlier (end of October) than last year. Winter came early last year, and it made it a challenge to get the system up and running. Discussed painting the East Wall. This is the time of year to paint due to both air and water temperatures. Discussed several approaches to doing the work. Mr. Harper expressed concern about clean-up and the type of paint used and suggested this project be left to professionals to avoid environmental issues. Mr. Harper also recommended that the paint color should be brown to match the rust that will appear.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Staff:** Currently the staff includes only Marcus, Chase and Susan. Zac has agreed to come back and work Thurs, Fri and Saturday. One person will work 9 AM to 4 PM, another will work from 8 AM to 3 PM and Susan will be there also. Activity at the marina has slowed considerably so that reduced hours and staff will still get the work done. October 1st marina hours will be from 9 AM - 4 PM. Many boaters are getting their final pump outs and fuel so the Boatyard can come and get their boats.
- 2. Signage:** We have new caution signs for the boat launch area. The directional signs for the fairways can be installed now that the "Northport boat" has been repaired. Susan suggests new slip number signs to be placed on the water side so that boaters can identify their slip from the water. This would especially help the new and transient boaters. Susan will get an estimate from the sign person, Paul Reid.
- 3. Fuel:** It is agreed to top off the fuel tanks for the winter to prevent condensation. Fuel prices are currently low. Oscar Larson comes to the marina quarterly to service the fuel equipment.
- 4. Bathrooms:** It was a good summer except for a couple of incidents. More cameras are needed around the bathroom buildings. One incident occurred around the building out of camera range...vomitus and feces on the walls and around the bathroom service door.
- 5. Pop cans:** Tom's has been refusing to take pop can returns since the COVID situation arrived. Susan sent Marcus to Meijer in Traverse City to return cans there... at \$17/hr for 3 hours and using the Village truck...for not much money for the returned cans. Can return money is divided among the dock hands.
- 6. Commercial slips in the marina:** A local resident wants to have a marina B&B boat (60') and will pay a commercial slip fee which needs to be established. Apparently, there were 2 commercial slips in the marina many years ago. Will Harper has voiced a need for the second commercial slip if there is one. There are only five 60' slips and 4 are in use by seasonal boaters. The only

open 60' slip is right by the gas dock and it is used a lot by boats coming and going. The 60' B&B will most likely need to be on the east wall and that may be a problem for accommodating some of the larger transient boats during the summer. One of the possible commercial slips will need to be removed from the DNR reservation system. A hold will need to be put on the slip in question. Mr. Spiers will need to occupy 2 spaces on the east wall (and will need to pay for 2 spaces).

Public Comment:

President Wetherbee commented that he agrees with the assessment to use brown paint on the marina metalwork that needs painting. He also agreed that additional cameras for bathroom surveillance makes sense.

Member Comment:

Further discussion regarding painting at the marina led to the decision to explore the work to be done professionally due to residues produced during the prep phase. There are environmental issues to be addressed.

ADJOURNMENT: a MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY Will Harper and seconded by Hugh Cook. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS 3 NAYS 0 The motion passed.