

**VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT
WATERFRONT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 15, 2021
1 P.M. via ZOOM**

ROLL CALL: Members present: Gremel, Cook

Members absent: Harper

Staff present: Edmondson

Public present: Steve Wetherbee

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMITTEE COMMENT: None

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

1. Harbormaster report: Looking ahead to the 4th of July, Mr. Rosemurgy asked if “porta potties” have ever been employed to help ease the burden on the village bathrooms. This has been done in the past according to Mr. Wetherbee. Each unit would cost \$102.00.

A motion was made to approve 6 units for the 4th of July weekend by Mr. Cook and seconded by Gremel.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas (2) Nays (0) Absent (1)

Mr. Rosemurgy will handle the reservations and will find out how often the company will service them.

Mr. Rosemurgy said that the response from the waiting list folks has been about 50% which what he expected. The list is essentially doing some self-cleaning and should become much more manageable after this year. There will be 40 new posts installed along the east wall, something that has

needed doing for some time. All the posts will be the tall ones and each post costs \$90 plus a \$100 installation fee. The dock hands are doing a good job so far. The rest of Mr. Rosemurgy's report can be viewed on the Village website.

2. Inquiries are being made for a work barge for the marina.
3. The goose problem at the marina parks continues although it is somewhat less so far this year. Trapper Ron needs to be contacted for further treatment recommendations.
4. It was suggested that there be signage on the launch ramp advertising season pass availability at the dock house.
5. The new Boaters Comments and Suggestion Box is in its final stage of preparation and should be in place by the Marina bathrooms in the next few days.
6. Chris at ElevateNet needs to be contacted regarding surveillance camera operation at both the Haserot and South Beach bathrooms.

There was correspondence from boater Jeff Dyer requesting a reserved parking space. He has trouble locating a parking space at times, especially when he has groceries, etc to carry to his boat. It was suggested to paint a "15-minute Loading Zone" sign on the curb at the end cul-de-sac in the South parking lot by the gazebo. Parking spaces will remain on a first come, first serve basis.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Cook, seconded by Gremel.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Yeas (2) Nays (0) Absent (1). The meeting was adjourned at 1:44 P.M.

Harbormaster's Report to the Village Council

June 2021

What I've been up to:

1. **Broadside Post Replacement** – We are currently in the process of replacing all the older, shorter posts on the Broadside Wall. The Village purchased the posts for \$90/each. Jerry is doing the work for \$100/post.
2. **DNR Reservation System** – I received an update from the DNR today regarding the transient rate snafu. There are only 24 reservations that have not responded to the first two attempts to collect the correct rate. We'll take it from here. Either I will call them or we'll wait until check-in to collect the rate shortage. Not a bad result, all things considered.
3. **Waiting Lists** – I have literally done nothing with the Waiting Lists this past month. Not my focus at this time. I hope to have some results by the middle of July. My gut tells me the overall response rate was less than half.
4. **Dockhands** – Dan Brown and Elizabeth Schwind have been doing a great job helping with dockhand training. Dan with docking/fueling/pump-out things; Elizabeth with cleaning/customer service/work integrity things. I have a pretty terrific crew. Lots of learning, but lots of eagerness to match.
5. **Boat Launch Parking Lot** – As you know, the parking lot has been completed. There are some minor issues. More on that at the meeting.
6. **Spider Spraying** – The buildings were sprayed a couple weeks ago. I noticed the impact immediately. The docks are being sprayed over the next couple days with an environmentally friendly material. I have high hopes.
7. **Boater's Lounge** – Carpeting has been cleaned (it was disgusting) and the furniture is back in place. The boaters are happy to have it back. I do however wish to raise a question about the bathroom in the day room. More at the meeting.
8. **Keco Pump-Out** – I was able to perform the maintenance on the Keco pump. Paul Whiteford, the Wastewater Treatment guy in Suttons Bay, was an immense help and gave me the information and confidence to do the job. They have the same pump at the Suttons Bay Marina and Paul does all the maintenance. Paul talked to me for over ½ an hour about what to do, how to do it, and how often it should be done. He had ideas about maintenance recording keeping, too. The pump is working fine. There was A LOT of rubber fiber inside the pump housing. In

talking with a technician at Keco, he said we will probably need to replace the bladder sooner than expected. I will continue to grease it monthly and monitor the status of the bladder. The bladder costs over \$800 to replace.

9. **Finger Pier Modifications** – I raised this last month, but we didn't have time to address it ... Over the years, many of the seasonal slip holders have made various modifications and customizations to their finger piers. Some good quality. Some not so much. I'd like to casually request that anyone wishing to make any modifications might please run them past the Harbormaster beforehand. But I'm also trying to walk a delicate line between being overly controlling, maintaining a safe and attractive facility, and allowing Northport Marina to continue what appears to be a tradition. I could use guidance on this topic.
10. **Dock House** – A generous seasonal slip holder has replaced our Keurig coffee maker and Will Harper came through with a replacement stool/chair for the desk. It's perfect ... correct height, sturdy, and not so comfortable that anyone wants to sit in it for too long. I also put out a call for a new wall chart for the dock house and the response from our seasonals was outstanding!
11. **Incident Report** – You all have seen and read the report of the incident regarding Kurt Lauckner that occurred on 6/6/21. I have nothing more to report other than I saw Mr. Lauckner the next morning and he appeared unscathed.
12. **Dock Posts** – Relating to #11, I will provide a report on the condition of the marina dock posts at the meeting.
13. **C-Dock Project** –
 - There were 3 defective 50-amp breakers in the new power pedestals. After a long wait and some pressure from Advantage Electric, the manufacturer coughed them up and they were installed last week. The only remaining item is some breakers in the main box that were not available. Advantage Electric did a "fix" to make it work (and it all passed inspection), but this item remains outstanding.
 - We have had a couple issues with boats that didn't normally blow breakers in the past, now blowing the new GFI breakers. We're learning how to deal with this.

Goals for next month:

- Power wash docks ... Making progress, but still more to do.
- Look into security camera coverage for marina (bath house, docks, harbor hut, & fuel dock), South Beach restroom, and Haserot restroom. Kris is still working to get the cameras online.

Bill Rosemurgy, Harbor Master