

**THE MINUTES
FOR THE JUNE 24, 2009
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT
MEETING AT 6:00 P.M.**

An informational meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Northport was held in Village Hall beginning at 6:00 PM

Present: Mayor Doll, Trustees, Kehoe, McMullen, and Tobin. Village Attorney James Matthews, Village Clerk Donna Koch, Superintendent Joseph Correia.

Absent: Trustee Maline

BOARD APPROVAL OF WARRANT:

On the motion of Trustee Kehoe and seconded by Trustee McMullen the following bills were approved for payment.

Fiscal Year 2009/2010 General Fund bills in the amount of \$178,054.77

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Doll announced that this meeting is for information only on Historic Preservation. The Mayor explained: that this proposal is basically simple, if your home is 100 years old or older and you plan on doing a major renovation or demolition or something that requires a building permit then you would have to go for a historic review in front of the Board of Architectural and Historic review. This legislation does not deal with color, in kind replacement or anything that does not require a building permit. There are tax reduction incentives for any new approved additions. The Mayor explained it is designed to help preserve the character of the Village. Roughly 25 members of the public were on hand to discuss the proposed legislation. Victor Howard of Ocean Ave. stated he was totally against someone telling him what he can and can't do to his house. Ann Stevens Bayview Ave. asked what qualifications would the people who make the determination have. Jackie Ingham applauded the Board for taking on this controversial issue. Historic Preservation is extremely successful in Cold Spring Harbor. Joann Moran, Bayview Ave. felt Historic preservation has been wonderful for other Villages. She felt it could really work here. Trustee Tobin explained this is to allow people to make changes while keeping the changes consistent with the integrity of the house. Some residents felt that lowering the aged threshold to 75 years and older would be a good idea to incorporate such houses like the Sears style house. Tim Dennin of Main Street stated he was all for preservation. He would like more time to study the law.

Mayor Doll stated there will be more meetings like this. Leah Fink of Main Street was against the proposal stating that her rights as a homeowner are in infringed upon. She felt the devil is in the details and acknowledged what she felt were the pros and cons of the proposal. Lois O'Hara of the Northport Historical Society thanked the Village Board for taking this huge step in protecting the Village we know. She suggested that the Village consider the age to start at 75 year old structures. Arlene Handel thanked the Board for this undertaking. Ken Savin, stated he was all in favor of Historic Preservation but felt the Village needs to look at effect and the necessity of any legislation.

The meeting was continued to July 24th, 2009 at 6:00 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be July 7th, 2009 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Koch,
Village Clerk