

**THE MINUTES
FOR THE JULY 15, 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 Clerk Donna Koch,

Absent: Trustee Maline, Village Attorney James Matthews, Superintendent Joseph Correia.

BOARD APPROVAL OF WARRANT:

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

Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Fire Department bills in the amount of \$23069.54

HISTORIC PRESERVATION DISCUSSION CONTINUATION:

Mayor Doll gave a short presentation on examples of zoning gone wrong.

Twenty Village residents were on hand to review the historic preservation legislation. Trustee Tobin went over the changes made from the last meeting. William Freedman of Woodbine Ave. stated that for the last thirty years the old homes in Northport have been worked on and maintained by the homeowners without any legislation. Mr. Freedman questioned what is so wrong now that we need to have legislation Mr. Freedman felt the partnership between the Village and homeowner is working beautifully now.

Trustee Kehoe submitted a letter from Mr. Mike Newton. Mr. Newton does not support or agree with the mandatory inclusion law. Barbara Hinton of Highland Ave. is a Real Estate broker felt that this legislation would not lower value but in fact increase them. Sally Wadsworth of Bayview Ave. questioned if the Board had considered making historic districts. This would protect 100 year old homes from neighbors building something that doesn't fit the character of the neighborhood. A Main Street resident questioned if solar panels would need review. The Mayor responded that item needs to be looked into. Ann Stevens stated she feels the law is an infringement and a burdensome on the homeowner. Jackie Ingham of Bayview Ave. stated she could see a value in historic preservation. Ms. Ingham went on to explain that historic districts would preserve the historic value of the older homes from neighboring property destroying the

value of the historic district. Arlene Handel stated she that is legislation is a good start but only a start. Questions were raised as to when the next meeting would be. No further discussion meetings have been scheduled.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be August 4th , 2009 at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Koch,
Village Clerk