

## Mayor's Report May 7, 2024

The Village is planning to pave Bevin Road and Asharoken Avenue from Bevin to 563 Asharoken Avenue the week of May 13<sup>th</sup>. As I communicated earlier in an email, Bevin Road will be closed for about 5 hours a day for two days to complete the project. The closure is planned from about 9am – 2pm. The homes closest to Asharoken Avenue will have more access as the work will start at the intersection of Bevin E/W and continue to the Avenue. Trustee Ian Jablonski is coordinating this project and will have more information for the Bevin residents later this week.

In 2017 two Village property owners applied for dock permits for their homes in the Ida Smith section of Northport Bay. After a thorough review by the Environmental Review Board, the Board of Trustees decided to deny both dock permits. The denial was based on the negative impacts the docks would have on the environment as enumerated in the Village Code. The property owners subsequently sued the Village to have the Board decision overturned. In September of 2019 the Supreme Court, Suffolk County ruled in favor of the Village. The property owners subsequently appealed the lower court decision. This week the Appellate Court upheld the lower court decision and ruled in favor of the Village. In the decision the Court wrote, "The Board's determination also did not violate the petitioners' riparian rights, as the Boards determination enforced the Village Code, which constituted a reasonable restriction of those rights." I would like to thank the Village Attorney Bruce Migatz for successfully representing the Village in this matter.

On May 1<sup>st</sup> the Village met with the DOT to resume conversations as to how to access the Senator Schumer \$1,000,000 earmark to fix the most damaged 200 feet of the seawall. The meeting was very productive, and the Village expects to get moving on this process in the next few weeks.

This Friday the Village will hold a summit meeting on the seawall. Invitees include the USACOE, NYSDEC, NYSDOT, Huntington Highway, State Senator Mattera, State Assemblyman Keith Brown and Suffolk Legislator Stephanie Bontempi. Representatives from Senator Schumer's office and Huntington Supervisor Ed Smyth's office are also expected. I will report next week on the outcome of this meeting.

Lastly, I would like to thank resident Bob Hoey for bringing in 6 Sea Scouts who did a beach cleanup last Saturday. The Village will award the participants community service awards at the next BOT meeting.