

TOWN OF LA POINTE
Board of Harbor Commissioners
THURSDAY April 20, 2023
9:00 a.m. at Town Hall and via Zoom
Approved Minutes

Commissioners Present: Michael Childers, Carol Neubauer, Mike Anderson, Michael Collins, Zach Montagne

Commissioners Absent: Evan Erickson Jr.

Staff Present: Lauren Burtaux, *Harbor Commission Secretary*

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:00am by M. Childers.
2. Roll Call: Members present as listed above.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Minutes. 4/13/23: Motion to approve minutes as presented by M. Collins, seconded by M. Anderson, no discussion, 6 ayes, all in favor, motion carried.
5. Committees – Updates:
 - a. C. Neubauer: Ehlers Inc. is still working on financial modeling with PNL and balance sheets. Thank you to Robin and Gary (MIFL) for accompanying the real estate appraiser when he was here. There are three parcels of land in Bayfield that were not in the original discovery and will be added to the appraisal. Once complete, Tim Feldhausen, Harbor Commission lawyer, will write up a contract for the land for MIFL to review.
 - b. P. Ross: Had a conversation with MIFL, their lawyer, the Harbor Commission lawyer. The attorneys have been given details of how to work through the proposed management operations agreement for ferry operations. This includes details of if/when the Harbor Commission and Township have ownership of the ferry – MIFL will continue to exist to manage and operate the ferry line which includes day to day operations, employment of personnel, maintenance of vessels and facilities, insurance, USCG regulations, among other details, on behalf of the Harbor Commission and Town of La Pointe. This is just a preliminary progression of the operations agreement and will be reevaluated after the respective lawyers work through the first round of requests by both MIFL and the Harbor Commission in a couple of weeks at their next meeting the beginning of May.
6. Offers of Assistance – Updates:
 - a. M. Childers reached out to Michael Halsted from Harbor and Waterways of WI to set up a meeting, however, Halsted prefers to wait to engage with the Harbor Commission until after an agreement is complete.
 - b. The Bayfield Parking Management Plan (PMP) meeting was attended by L. Burtaux. The implementation of paid parking will be in 2024 and only during the

busy season. Will most likely be metered parking spaces throughout the city with varying rates and durations. The meeting goals were to make aware the wants and needs of stakeholders regarding parking in Bayfield, along with concerns about changes due to the enforced paid parking. Nothing is certain, and Bayfield PMP is continuing to gather research and suggestions from the community.

- c. Great Lakes Navigation Shallow Draft Stakeholders Meeting: attended by L. Burtaux to learn about the shallow draft harbors of the Great Lakes and what the Army Corps provides to the harbors, such as funding and help with maintenance. There is a fact sheet for the La Pointe Harbor, and dredging is needed.
 - d. M. Childers: Per the first email from Michael Halsted of the Harbor and Waterways of WI, there is a ferry boat survey due in May 2023 and is done every two years. If not done, there is no chance of funding until the next survey in 2025. Childers to check in with MIFL if it is something they are apart of or if the Harbor Commission should move forward with this.
7. Approval of Bills: None.
 8. Future Agenda Items: Operations agreement details in closed session.
 9. Meeting Dates: Thursday, April 27th, at 9am.
 10. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn meeting by M. Anderson, seconded by M. Collins, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 9:27am.

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary.
Minutes approved as presented on Thursday, April 27, 2023. L. Burtaux, secretary.