

TOWN OF LA POINTE
Board of Harbor Commissioners
THURSDAY September 28th, 2023
9:00 a.m. at Town Hall and via Zoom
Approved Minutes

Commissioners Present: Mike Anderson, Michael Collins, Zach Montagne, Evan Erickson Jr., Pete Ross, Carol Neubauer, Michael Childers

Staff Present: Lauren Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary; Michael Kuchta, Town Administrator, Glenn Carlson, Town Chair

Public Present: Sheila Weir

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 9/21/23: Motion by Z. Montagne to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by E. Erickson, no discussion, all in favor, Motion Carried.
5. Proposed Dockside Lease Extension: Discussed in closed session.
6. 2024 Budget: Question of including a Harbor Master in the budget. Further discussion in closed session.
7. Department of Administration – Budget Initial Convo: M. Kuchta joined a few commissioners for a brief conversation with the DOA to discuss the Governor’s 2024 budgeted allocation of \$200,000 to the La Pointe Harbor Commission. The DOA will be drafting a legal contract and send it to the commission upon completion. The next steps will follow.
8. General Next Steps: Public communication, it seems most are misinformed. Discussion of holding a public hearing or Q/A session to better update the public.
9. Committees – Updates:
 - a. President: M. Childers asked G. Carlson to present a report distributed to the Commissioners. The report breaks down the *estimated* payment of the cost of the Madeline Island Ferry Line. 80% will come from operating cash flow, 14% will be from lakefront property taxes, and 6% will be from inland property taxes.
 - b. Communications: None.
 - c. Operating Agreement: None.
 - d. Purchase Agreement: Steven Bers, MIFL attorney, is finalizing the purchase agreement with C. Neubauer and Robin Trinko Russell from MIFL.
 - e. Other: None.

Motion by P. Ross to go into closed session to discuss Item #5 Dockside Lease Extension and Item #6 2024 Budget, seconded by E. Erickson, roll call vote, 7 ayes, in closed session at 9:13am.

Motion by M. Collins to come out of closed session, seconded by M. Anderson, all in favor, out of closed session at 9:51am.

This meeting may, upon duly made motion, be convened in closed session under State Statute 19.85 (1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. If the Commission goes into closed session; it will reconvene in open session before adjourning.

10. Offers of Assistance – Updates: M. Childers asked Commissioner Montagne if he would represent the Harbor Commission on the Winter Transportation Committee, Z. Montagne agreed.
11. Approval of Bills: None.
12. Future Agenda Items: Workshop, Budget meeting with Town Board October 18th at 4:45pm.
13. Meeting Dates: Thursday, October 5th, at 9am.
14. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn meeting by E. Erickson, seconded by M. Anderson, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 9:54am.

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary.

Minutes approved with additions in italics on Thursday, October 12th, 2023, Lauren Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary.