

TOWN OF LA POINTE
Board of Harbor Commissioners
THURSDAY January 18th, 2024
9:00 am at Town Hall and via Zoom
Approved Minutes

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

Commissioners Absent: Carol Neubauer

Staff Present: Lauren Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary, Michael Kuchta, Town Administrator

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:00am by M. Childers.
2. Roll Call: Members and staff present as listed above.
3. Public Comment: M. Kuchta stated that the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee would like to consider using the Middle Rd. property acquired from the Madeline Island Ferry Line purchase as the primary location of affordable housing development. Discussion that the property is not connected to the sanitary district.
4. Minutes – 1/11/24: Motion by M. Anderson to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by M. Collins, no discussion, all in favor, motion carried.
5. Committees – Updates
 - a. President: Closed session to give updates on financial package at end of meeting.
 - b. Communications: There are three interviews scheduled for Tuesday, January 23rd. The job posting will stay up until Monday, 1/22.
 - c. Other: None.
6. Cooperative Agreement between the Town and Harbor Commission: Motion by P. Ross to authorize the Harbor Commission President to sign agreement, seconded by Z. Montagne, no discussion, Motion Carries.
7. Dockside Lease: Consensus to discuss this topic when the title is in the town/Harbor Commission’s name.
8. Middle Road Property: Discussion of condition of building and sanitary available on property.
9. Madeline Island Ferry Line Retirement Benefit Policy: Agreement to keep as is.
10. Offers of Assistance – Updates: E. Erickson will make a sketch of the coopeage (Trek and Trail) and Dockside to show what percentage of space is being used as rental, to show that less than 10 percent being used privately, versus publicly.

11. Approval of Bills: There is a bill from Ehlers. Due to C. Neubauer's absence, the bill is tabled for the next meeting.

5.a. President: Closed session to give updates on financial package: Motion by E. Erickson to go into closed session, seconded by M. Collins, roll call vote, 6 ayes, motion carries and in closed session at 9:11 am.

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.

Motion by M. Collins to come out of closed session, seconded by E. Erickson, all in favor, back in open session at 9:23am.

12. Future Agenda Items: Hiring recommendation, financial packaging updates.

13. Meeting Dates: Thursday, January 23rd, 2024, at 9am.

14. Adjourn: Motion by M. Anderson to adjourn the meeting, seconded E. Erickson, all in favor, Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:25am.

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary.
Minutes approved as presented on January 25th, 2024, L. Burtaux.