

TOWN OF LA POINTE
Board of Harbor Commissioners
THURSDAY May 15th, 2025
9:00a.m. at Town Hall and Live via YouTube
Approved Minutes

Commissioners Present: Michael Collins, Zach Montagne, Glenn Carlson, Evan Erickson Jr., Jay Wiltz, Mary Ross, Susan Widmar

Staff Present: Lauren Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary, Katie Kisner, Chief Administrative Officer

Public Present: Paul Brummer (arrived at 9:28am)

1. Call to Order: Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9am by Z. Montagne.
2. Roll Call: All members, staff and public present as listed above.
3. Public Comment A: E. Erickson said good luck to MIFL and all Island businesses for the busy, marathon weekend.
4. Minutes: 4/24 & 5/1: Motion by M. Collins to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by E. Erickson. M. Ross suggests adding more details from 5/1 minutes item #9, all in favor, motion carried.
5. Chief Administrative Officer Report – Katie Kisner: Motion by E. Erickson to put the CAO report on file, seconded by M. Collins. Discussion on painting of the Cooperage and Herring Shed in Bayfield and other capital projects.
6. Harbor Assistance Program Project Updates: Two invoices will be submitted for reimbursement totaling \$149,535.00.
7. Bayfield School District Contract for 2025/2026 School Year: Discussion to increase tariffs at \$1/person, and to increase gas surcharges per the current tariffs. Motion by G. Carlson to approve with discussed changes, seconded by J. Wiltz, all in favor, motion carried.
8. Board of Commissioners of Public Lands Loan Update: The request is on the BCPL May 20th meeting agenda.
9. AIM Clear and Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation Grant Follow Up: AIM Clear sent a message to the Harbor Commission informing them a grant follow up report is due July 30th. Consensus that L. Burtaux and K. Kisner will write and submit the grant report.
10. Trek & Trail (Lee Shore Kayaking) Lease Agreement: Discussion on increase for CPI and property taxes. K. Kisner will review these details. Motion by G. Carlson to table until more information is gathered, seconded by E. Erickson, all in favor, motion carried.

11. Plan Strategic Planning Session to Discuss Management Agreement: Motion by Z. Montagne to table until there is a contract to look over, seconded by G. Carlson, all in favor, motion carried.
12. Lawn Mowing Contract: Discussion that E & E Landscape and Kathleen Erickson have mowed the MIFL properties and would like to suggest turning over the duties to the town as it is town property now. Consensus to have the town staff mow the lawns moving forward.
13. Tariff Update: E. Erickson worked on updating revenue numbers with the new tariff rates. Z. Montagne asked if it would be possible to include recharging MAG cards with credit cards if the convenience fee is put on the customer to the tariffs. Discussion on statute 195.14 regarding discounted rates for groups of people. This conversation is on going based on K. Kisner inquiry with the Railroad Commission.
14. Approval of Amended 2025 Budget: Motion by Z. Montagne to table, seconded by G. Carlson, all in favor, motion carried.
15. Approval of Bills: Motion by G. Carlson to approve the bills in the amount of \$290,631.55, seconded by M. Collins, discussion to hold the NAN interest payments until BCPL funds are received, 5 ayes, 2 opposed, motion carried.
16. Future Agenda Items: Potential grant applications, Trek & Trail lease, strategic planning session, tariff updates, budget amendment, HAP updates.
17. Meeting Dates: Thursday, May 22nd at 9am.
18. Public Comment B**: Paul Brummer stated that if the Harbor Commission gives special rates to school students, they should give special rates to island residents.
19. Review of MIFL Management Contract: Motion by E. Erickson to go into closed session, seconded by M. Ross, roll call vote, 7 ayes, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting in closed session at 9:54am.

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 G. Carlson to come out of closed session, seconded by M. Collins, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting in open session at 10:43am.

20. Adjourn: Motion by Z. Montagne to adjourn, seconded by E. Erickson, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:44am.

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary.
Minutes approved as presented on Thursday, June 12th, 2025, L. Burtaux.