

TOWN OF LA POINTE
Board of Harbor Commissioners
MONDAY August 4th, 2025
4:30p.m. at Town Hall and Live via YouTube
Approved Minutes

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

Commissioners Absent: Michael Collins, Jay Wiltz

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

Public Present: Cal Linehan (via Zoom), Robin Trinko-Russell, Evan Erickson Sr., John Carlson, Charley Brummer, Paul Brummer, Lauren Schuppe

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 4:30pm by Z. Montagne.
2. Roll Call: All members, staff and public present as listed above.
3. Public Comment A*:
 - a. Z. Montagne stated the Harbor Commission received a handwritten, anonymous letter, see attachment A.
 - b. Evan Erickson Sr. suggested the Harbor Commission require MIFL, LLC to provide a list of on call captains for emergency services that utilize the on-calling housing rented on the Island.
 - c. Lauren Schuppe commented on the delivery costs for freight and food being brought over, including the cost for MIFL crew.
 - d. John Carlson asked how the newsletter was coming along. He requested a budget *report order* for the refrigeration truck by September.
4. Minutes – 7/24/25: G. Carlson suggests changing item #5 to include that the homeschool students will receive the same summer ridership privileges as the Island resident students. Motion by Z. Montagne to approve the minutes with the suggested change, seconded by E. Erickson, all in favor, motion carried.

G. Carlson informed the Commission that there was an error in the minutes approved from 6/12/25 item #7 and asks the minutes are amended to read that the room leased is on the Island, not in Bayfield. Motion by Z. Montagne to amend the minutes with the change, seconded by S. Widmar, all in favor, motion carried.
5. Chief Administrative Officer Report – Katie Kisner: Discussion on the Island Queen repairs and ongoing analysis of the repair to be sure what has been done is enough. Additional revenue is needed from parcel hauling. Bayfield Harbor Commission head tax discussed. MIFL requested the Harbor Commission approve their lawyer sending a letter to the Bayfield Harbor Commission explaining why they are essentially exempt from payment of the head tax when using the old harbor. Consensus by the Harbor Commission for the lawyer to write up a letter.

6. Harbor Assistance Program Project Updates: Cal Linehan stated that we are still waiting on reimbursement from the state. Janke will start the ramp construction around 8/11 and should last 2-3 weeks. The cement curation process takes about one week to ten days.
7. Discuss Housing Lease for On Call Emergency Captains/Deckhands: As of now, no crew has stayed in the room. The Commission requests that MIFL provide a log of any staff that stays in the room.
8. Consider Dockside Lease Agreement: Discussion on whether payment for taxes has been included in previous lease agreement: it has not. Consensus to finalize the lease with the proper dates to be reviewed for approval at the next meeting.
9. Big Top Special Boats: An individual sponsored a trip the night before (Sunday, August 3rd) for a late boat after a Big Top show.
10. Approval of Bills: E. Erickson questioned why there were many bills for going out to eat to be reimbursed. MIFL stated it was for food for the crew for holidays and two captains' meetings a year. Motion by G. Carlson to approve the bills in the amount of \$35,817.28, seconded by E. Erickson, all in favor, motion carried.
11. Future Agenda Items: Dockside Lease Agreement, Bayfield School District Contract, HAP Updates, Big Top Special Boats.
12. Meeting Dates: Thursday, August 21st at 9am.
13. Public Comment B**:
 - a. Evan Erickson Senior asked why only a deckhand was going to be using the leased on-call room on the Island for on-call emergency staff. He was under the impression the room would be used to fill the need for emergency on-call captains.
 - b. John Carlson stated that working as a volunteer EMT along with working a full-time, seven day/week job is exhausting.
 - c. Paul Brummer thanked that Commission for having a meeting later in the day and for questioning MIFL expenses as they can add up even if small amounts. He asked who writes the Harbor Commission articles that are published in the Gazette.
 - d. Evan Erickson Senior commented on meal expenditures from MIFL.
 - e. Charley Brummer noted the increase in traffic this time of year and that the MIFL crew is working hard on the boats.
14. Review of MIFL Management Contract: Motion by G. Carlson to go into closed session, seconded by S. Widmar, roll call vote, five ayes, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting in closed session at 5:23pm.

Motion by Z. Montagne to come out of closed session, seconded by E. Erickson, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting in open session at 5:41pm.

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.

15. Adjourn: Motion by Z. Montagne to adjourn the meeting, seconded by E. Erickson, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:41pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Burtiaux, Harbor Commission Secretary.
Minutes approved with edits in italics on Thursday, August 21st, 2025.