

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

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

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

Public Present: Cal Linehan (via Zoom), Robin Trinko Russell, Evan Erickson Sr., Paul Brummer, Charley Brummer, John Carlson, Ann Lacey, Elena Erickson Lauren Schuppe, Carolyn Cone, Hilary Olander Quamme, Dave Donkers, Lee Baker, John Apitz

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. Robin Trink Russell/ notes that it will cost around \$4,000 for the window to be fixed in the Herring Shed.
 - b. Carolyn Cone states it is in the best interest to agree to late ferries for after-school activities.
 - c. Paul Brummer thanks the Harbor Commission for the late meeting.
 - d. Evan Erickson Sr. asked for a rental housing update and a log sheet for who and when employees stay at the rental house.
 - e. See attachments 1&2.
4. Minutes – 8/21/25: M. Ross notes that in #9 Raitt is spelled wrong and to include ‘chamber’ in #10 before Bayfield. Motion by M. Collins to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by G. Carlson, all in favor, motion carried.
5. Chief Administrative Officer Report – Katie Kisner: August revenue is over 100% not including parcel hauling and a few manual deposits. Capital projects will not start until the HAP project is complete. Projected costs associated with capital projects will be updated. Motion by E. Erickson to put the report on file, seconded by M. Ross, all in favor, motion carried.
6. Harbor Assistance Program Project Updates: Cal Linehan states the project is slightly delayed by 1-2 weeks, which is as to be expected for this large of a project. There might be a change order for the front wall that would cost between 1-4 thousand dollars. He will make the HC aware as needed. Expected dates for full traffic usage is around September 26th.
7. Discussion on Big Top Special Boats: K. Kisner spoke with Garry Schalla from Big Top. He informed her that Big Top could help cover the cost of running a late boat

- but could not pay the entire bill. Discussion on the *estimated* cost of running a late boat (\$1,500 not including the purchase of tickets). A member of the public who has tickets to the Bonnie Raitt show offered to cover the costs of a late boat in hope of being reimbursed by the people who are going to the show. K. Kisner will work with MIFL and the generous donor to finalize the details for the funds to be given and the boat to be scheduled.
8. Discussion on Late Boats for After School Activities: Tuesday and Wednesday at 7pm boats from Bayfield have been requested by members of the public for after-school activities. Discussion on the amount of overtime costs associated, including a lack of captains and budgets. Motion by G. Carlson to approve MIFL to offer the requested boats through October 2nd, seconded by J. Wiltz, all in favor, motion carried.
 9. Authorize Chief Administrative Officer Authority to Prepare Checks for Signature: Motion by J. Wiltz to approve the CAO to prepare checks for signature, seconded by M. Collins, all in favor, motion carried.
 10. Approval of Bills: Motion by Z. Montagne to approve the bills in the amount of \$4,200, seconded by G. Carlson, all in favor, motion carried.
 11. Future Agenda Items: Herring Shed repair quotes, resignation of Harbor Secretary, appointment of new Harbor Secretary.
 12. Meeting Dates: Thursday, September 18th at 9am.
 13. Public Comment B**:
 - a. E. Erickson thanked the MIFL crew for working over Labor Day with all of the traffic, a job well done.
 - b. Hilary Olander Quamme: Thanked the Harbor Commission for the later boats noting that volleyball ends the end of October. She also asked that MIFL post more for job openings and opportunities.
 - c. Paul Brummer made a comment related to late ferry boats and fuel/oil boats.
 - d. John Carlson is looking for a budget report for the fridge truck.
 - e. Evan Erickson Sr. stated that the town should not pay for cleaning fees if a person is staying in the rented room for over one month. He also thanked the Harbor Commission for keeping an eye on funds and for the late boats for after-school activities.
 - f. Robin Trink Russel/ commented on the increase in wages was 15% in the budget, but they have only gone up 9%. She also stated that nationally, mechanics and maritime employment is down.
 - g. Lauren Schuppe thanked the Harbor Commission for the late boats for after school activities.
 14. Review of MIFL Management Contract: Motion by G. Carlson to go into closed session, seconded by M. Ross, roll call vote, 7 ayes, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting in closed session at 5:47pm.

Motion by G. Carlson to come out of closed session, seconded by M. Collins, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting in open session at 6pm.

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 E. Erickson to adjourn, seconded by S. Widmar, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary, Thursday, September 4th, 2025.

Minutes approved with edits in italics on Thursday, September 18th, 2025.