

Harbor Committee
May 13, 2009

Members Present: Alan Fischlowitz, Arnie Nelson, Charlie Meech, Gary Russell

Members Absent:

Ex Officio present: Beth Fischlowitz, Supervisor, Town Board liaison and Keith Sowl,
Town Foreman.

Public Present:

The Harbor Committee is called to order by Chair Pro Tem A. Fischlowitz on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 1:35 p.m. at the Town Hall. A quorum of the committee is present as reflected in the members listed above.

1. Election of Officers – Pro Tem

A. Nelson nominates A. Fischlowitz as Chair of the Harbor Committee, second, G. Russell. All in favor, 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Agreement that another member is needed for this committee so the committee will forgo nomination of a vice chair at this time.

A. Nelson nominates C. Meech as Secretary of the Harbor Committee. Second, A. Fischlowitz. All in favor, 3 ayes. Motion carried.

The Secretary will give the meeting notes to Waggie and she will take the minutes from tape.

2. Discussion of optimum size of committee and possible additional members.

Agreement to add another member to the committee. Waggie will post a sign up sheet.

Length of terms: Discussion that usually there is initially 1 – 3yr term; 2 -2 year terms and 2 – 1 year terms. When the terms expire, they then renewed for three years.

Agreement to set terms when there is a fifth member on the committee.

3. Discussion of desirability of frequency of meetings, and best times and days.

This agenda item will be discussed after agenda item #4.

4. Discussion of the “Mission” and “Goals” of the committee.

After discussion it was agreed that this committee’s Mission is to build a harbor and the Goal is to find the resources to accomplish this.

Discussion of the Three Year Harbor plan that was submitted in April. There was not a project listed for 2009; 2010 the project is for a feasibility study; year 2011 a plan similar to the plan submitted in 1999 is listed.

Discussion of the cost of a feasibility study. B. Fischlowitz has a packet from Senator Jauch for a community action grant. Washburn just received a \$10,000 matching grant from the Dept of Commerce. We need the same grant and since this is a matching grant the amount applied for would have to be included in the upcoming budget cycle.

Discussion that a feasibility study could cost around \$100,000. The DOT does not have funding for feasibility studies but the Army Corp does.

Discussion that the Army Corp considers us a shallow draft recreational harbor and the DOT considers us a Commercial harbor. Since grant monies are based on the classification this needs to be straightened out. There are not many funds available for recreational harbors.

Keith will let Sheldon Johnson of Northwest Regional Planning know that A. Fischlowitz will call him to set up a meeting time. B. Fischlowitz suggested calling Dean Haen, president of Wisconsin Ports for information since we are a member.

The tape was turned over but did not record.
The following are from C. Meech's notes:

3. Discussion of desirability of frequency of meetings, and best times and days.

Frequency of meetings to be determined after meeting with Sheldon Johnson of Northwest Regional Planning Commission which is being arranged by A. Fischlowitz.

5. Discussion of funding possibilities for implementation of the committee's stated mission and goals.

\$80,000 - \$100,000 is needed for a feasibility study. Members suggested a variety of resources that will be contacted to develop guidance for launching the study.

6. Set meeting date and agenda for next meeting.

The next meeting to be announced when a Town Hall appointment with Sheldon Johnson occurs.

7. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Minutes taken from tape and notes from C. Meech, Secretary and respectfully submitted by Kathy Erickson, Clerical Assistant.

Minutes approved as presented July 6, 2009.