

Harbor Committee
July 28, 2009

Members Present: Alan Fischlowitz, Chair; Charlie Meech, Arnie Nelson, Jim Binsfield, alternate.
Members Absent: Gary Russell, Jerry Smith
Also Present: Keith Sowl, Town Foreman,
Ayres & Associates: Jim Anklan, PE, (Registered Professional Engineer), manager of the Duluth office and Bakkem PE, Vice President in the Eau Claire, WI office.

1. Call to Order

The Harbor Committee called to order by Chair A. Fischlowitz on Tuesday, July 28, 2009 at 11:10 a.m. at the Town Hall. A quorum of the committee is present as reflected in the members listed above.

2. Informal survey of harbor, dock and beach with Engineers from Ayres & Associates.

A. Fischlowitz opened the meeting by saying this meeting began on the Town dock and included a tour of the town dock and anchorage facility.

3. Conversation with Ayres and Associates.

Purpose of this meeting is to look at what we might have in mind for harbor improvement/expansion in town.

Jim Anklan and Jim Bakkem gave a short background of their engineering firm. They have worked on the Great Lakes doing several waterfront/marina projects. The company has in-house planners and grant writers and would bring in experts for the coastal engineering part of the project. The DNR will fund 50% of a feasibility study and additional money might be available from Coastal Management, Rep. Dave Obey's office and Section 154 which is administered by the Corp of Engineers. For the construction part of the project there is the Harbor Assistance Program (HAP) which is administered by WI DOT.

Most of these programs are for public projects, not private projects.

Keith said that we were not allowed transient docking for 25 years as stated in the agreement when the breakwater was built in 1984 because we were considered a commercial harbor. That time period is now expired.

A. Fischlowitz said the Corp of Engineers considers us a shallow draft recreational harbor. Short discussion of commercial and public facilities.

Discussion of a Request For Proposal (RFP). Ayres and Associates will draft a general RFP. The first step would be to formally request a proposal from engineering firms for a feasibility study. The feasibility study would include informational meetings to gather input from the Town, interested citizens, contractors and the Madeline Island Ferry Line, Inc. Also included in the study would be items such as the materials available and what summers are like on the Island.

The information would then be put into a design that that would be feasible for our harbor. Three or four people would work on this project which could include surveyors, grant writers, planners, and job creation. There might not be a need for an accounting

firm. A consultant would be brought in for the breakwater design. Alternatives would be proposed, a budget drawn up and a grant program. Then the process would be:

1. Grant application. 2. Feasibility study. 3. Selection of plan and design. 4. Pursue grants. 5. Get specs and grant applications in. 6. If funding is successful, construction begins. This is a two or more year process, especially when grants are involved.

Short discussion of map A. Nelson gave A. Fischlowitz in regards changing the federal limits to the outer markers on the map to compensate for the shallowness in the harbor so as to accommodate the larger ferry boat and docking issues.

4. Adjourn.

Motion by A. Nelson to adjourn, second, J. Binsfield, all in favor, 4 ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Minutes taken from disc and respectfully submitted by Kathy Erickson, Clerical Assistant.

Minutes approved as presented August 3, 2009 and September 8, 2009