

Harbor Committee
August 3, 2009

Members Present: Alan Fischlowitz, Chair; Jerry Smith, Charlie Meech Jim Binsfield, Alternate and Gary Russell (9:10 am)

Members Absent: Arnie Nelson

Also Present:

1. Call to order

The Harbor Committee meeting called to order by Chair A. Fischlowitz on Monday, August 3, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall. A quorum of the committee is present as reflected in the members listed above. Jim Binsfield, alternate, is recognized as a seated member at this meeting.

2. Review and approval of the following minutes:

A. July 6, 2009 Harbor Committee minutes

Motion by A. Fischlowitz to accept the minutes of July 6, 2009 as presented, second, Jerry Smith. All in favor, five ayes. Motion carried.

B. July 28, 2009 Harbor Committee minutes

Motion by A. Fischlowitz to accept the minutes of July 28, 2009 as presented, second, Jerry Smith. All in favor, five ayes, motion carried.

3. Review, revision, and approval of Draft II of the Purpose, Composition, Mission and Goals to send forward to Town Board.

Keith Sowl, Town Foreman, has suggested adding the word "anchorage" to the document because a lot of our recreational boating is done by anchorage and docks.

4. Review of the July 28, 2009 visit by Ayres & Associates.

Discussion if A. Nelson and G. Russell should design a plan. Question of the purpose for the plan - to produce revenue, to provide better shelter for the ferry operation? If the purpose is to produce revenue, how much revenue is projected? Point brought up that if there were a plan before the committee the number of approaches to improve, expand and deal with harbor issues might not come forward. If the committee stated they were looking at feasibility studies that would imply there was a plan in place and no input is needed. For instance, during the conversation with Ayres, the committee found out there is a possibility of enclosing our federally designated anchorage all the way to the Yacht Club and that there are other options for docking recreational boats instead of the traditional slips and docks.

G. Russell is now present.

Agreement professional input and input from the community is needed. If a plan was in place the engineer would have to sell that plan instead of helping the committee come up with a plan. The harbor plan also has to coincide with the Town's Smart Growth/Comprehensive plan so the verbiage, when discussing planning should be that the committee is working on a long range study or twenty year harbor plan.

Discussion of the location of the anchorage area. If the designated anchorage was off of Big Bay Road by the Water front Gallery to the Yacht Club that would allow a few different piers in different locations rather than many slips on one dock. The breakwater could be extended towards Bayfield which would allow for boat slips off of Big Bay Road and also provide a protected entrance when the wind is blowing. To help with

safety the dock could be 12' wider and also provide breakwater protection for the mooring area.

Suggestion that a meeting be scheduled to discuss these issues so the committee can draw up a wish list before talking to the engineers. The engineers would then take that list and come up with six different possibilities. The committee would then pick one or two and an actual plan would be drawn up by the engineer.

Return to agenda item 3.

3. Review, revision, and approval of Draft II of the Purpose, Composition, Mission and Goals to send forward to Town Board.

Suggested changes to Draft I are in italics and include the word anchorages. Draft II is hereby attached and made a part of these minutes.

Suggestion that since a mission statement is usually concise, the first paragraph of the mission statement only should be used as the mission statement.

After a lengthy discussion the purpose, composition, mission and goals will be as follows: 1. Purpose. This will be presented as written, including the italicized changes. 2. Mission. The first paragraph only of Draft II. 3. Particulars. Under this title starts the second paragraph of Mission under draft II and includes the bulleted items. 4. Composition. Same as written in Draft II. 5. Goals. Same as written in Draft II, including the italicized text.

A. Fischlowitz will draw up the final document and send by email to committee members. If there are no changes the document will go before the Town Board.

A. Fischlowitz will have the harbor portion of the Comprehensive Plan available for committee members at the next meeting.

Discussion of committee communication. Email sent will be flagged with a request for a read receipt so the sender knows the information has been opened. Committee members need to be aware that all emails are discoverable so anything sent by email should be under the assumption that the email will be read by everyone in the Town of La Pointe.

Agreement that this committee will be totally transparent.

4. Review of the July 28, 2009 visit by Ayres & Associates.

More discussion and questions regarding determining an anchorage area. The anchorage is presently designated by the US Coast Guard or the Corp of Engineers. The Town does not have any control so boaters can moor their boats without having to leave lights on and if someone anchors in front of a house nothing can be done since the State owns the lake for navigational purposes. If the State, Town of La Pointe and Corp were to get together there could be some control over the anchorage area such as requiring lights, how close to shore anchorage is allowed, noise, speed, etc. The Town could put mooring buoys and charge for mooring with the understanding that this would also be a liability if the buoy let go and the boats collided.

Boats are docking now across from houses which are ruining the view and decreasing the value of homes. There is a lot of traffic and because there are no facilities there is no where to go. Ayres suggested that we could enclose that area all the way to the Marina and that there are other ways to dock other than the traditional dock and slip.

5. Brief review of other engineers/consultants who have shown interest in our project.

A. Fischlowitz said GRAEF out of Milwaukee as well as Nickels and Bradley have responded. MSA professional services said they would like to team up with Nickels and

Bradley. The committee should have something in writing from these companies at the next meeting.

6. Discussion of a "Request for Proposals" to be prepared to solicit interest in a La Pointe Harbor feasibility study.

Ayres put together a sample request for proposal. Agreement by the committee to schedule a special meeting on Monday, August 17, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. Agenda items will be the Request for Proposals for a feasibility study and discussion of meeting time so as to accommodate busy schedules. Agreement to use the words "La Pointe Harbor Long Range Plan" instead of "feasibility study".

Short discussion of the best time to solicit seasonal and year-round public input; if a facilitator is needed at public meetings and the timetable for the plan, which could be January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2010. Agreement that the committee will meet after Labor Day for an idea brainstorming session.

7. Discussion of possible funding sources, specifically:

- WI DNR Recreational Boating Facilities
- WI Coastal Management Programs
- USCoE "154" Program
- WI DOT Harbor Assistance funding
- Northwest Regional Planning

A. Fischlowitz will research the above funding sources.

8. Discussion of a 2010 Harbor Committee budget.

Budget will be discussed after Labor Day. Feasibility studies can cost from \$100,000 - \$500,000 – should the budget include a 20% cost not covered by a grant? Travel expenses? A. Fischlowitz will ask Keith Sowl to put together an administrative budget.

9. Set next meeting(s) and agenda(s)

Monday, August 17, 2009 at 11:00. Agenda will be Request for proposals for a La Pointe Harbor Long Range Plan and discussion of meeting times.

10. Adjourn.

Motion by J. Binsfield to adjourn, second, G. Russell. All in favor, five ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

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

Minutes approved as presented September 8, 2009