

Harbor Committee
October 5, 2009

Members present: Alan Fischlowitz, Chair; Charlie Meech, Arnie Nelson, Gary Russell,
Jerry Smith and Jim Binsfield, alternate

Members absent:

Also present: Lois Carlson, Executive Director Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce.

1. Call to order.

The Harbor Committee meeting called to order by A. Fischlowitz on Monday, October 5, 2009 at 11:00 am at the Town Hall. A quorum of the committee is present as reflected in the members listed above.

2. Review and approval of the following Harbor Committee minutes:

A. September 8, 2009

Motion by J. Smith to approve the September 8, 2009 Harbor committee minutes as presented. Second, G. Russell. All in favor, five ayes. Motion carried.

J. Binsfield, alternate, will not vote at this meeting as there is a quorum of the seated members of the Harbor Committee.

3. Discussion of the September 10, 2009 Informational Meeting.

J. Smith prepared a summary of the September 10, 2009 Informational meeting which is in committee folders.

4. Discussion of the current Wisconsin Coastal Management Program grant cycle and meeting.

J. Smith attended the workshop on September 21, 2009 regarding WI Coastal Management grants. J. Smith said this program is funded by the Federal government but the State Department of Administration hands out the funds. There is a 50-50 match for projects up to \$60,000 and the matching funds have to come from non-federal money. If a project is over \$60,000 they will match 40% and the applicant provides 60% of non federal money. J. Smith asked what happens if the non-federal match was not in place by the deadline or the end of the year. If this happens you are to call WI Coastal management and they will work with you. However, if you are approved but cannot come up with the money another applicant is selected.

The Harbor Assistance Program (HAP) from the WI Dept of Transportation would qualify as non-federal money. Homeland Security might qualify but might be federal money.

Only local governments are eligible for Coastal Management grants. J. Smith has a list of priorities – water management is the big one this year. J. Smith sent A. Fischlowitz the website information in case he would like to contact Mike Pries Friis, Program manager who has been talking to Keith Sowl, Town Foreman. A long range plan/feasibility study would qualify as a priority.

A. Fischlowitz said it is important that committee members start logging in their time spent on committee work as this time can go toward the matching funds.

Keith Sowl, Town Foreman, said there is Section 154 funding available and sent a memo to A. Fischlowitz regarding this funding. Keith also forwarded a WI Waterfront Funding and Resources for 2007-2009 to A. Fischlowitz.

5. Discussion of a 2010 Harbor Committee budget.

Budget workshops start next week. Budget had been discussed at the last Harbor meeting. A. Fischlowitz said he talked to Keith Sowl and Greg Nelson, Town Board chair, and both of them feel the Harbor committee should have a line item budget item.

Consensus of the committee to request \$30,000.

6. Discussion of the Proposal Evaluation Committee.

Emmer Shields, Ashland County Highway Commissioner; Keith Sowl, Town Foreman; Burke Henry, A. Fischlowitz and Arnie Nelson, alternate, will be on this committee. The committee will meet, evaluate the proposals submitted and recommend two of the proposals to the Harbor Committee.

The objective is to hire a firm that will hold public hearings, gather information and then come back to the committee with two different plans. A. Fischlowitz said phase 1 is to find money for phases 2 and 3. This is at least a year or more away.

Lois Carlson, MI Chamber of Commerce is requesting input in regards to the draft National Lakeshore plan which could have effect on the number of power boaters which, in turn, would have an effect on harbors as the new rules are more restrictive. Comments will be received until October 28th. A. Nelson said the Town Board should address this because shutting off boating to other islands could have an effect on the island. Lois said this could affect rescue operations, also. A. Fischlowitz said he will address this issue in his monthly report to the Town Board and request that the Town Board respond by October 23, 2009 in regards to the National Lakeshore draft plan. A letter could also be written to Interior Secretary Salazar regarding this. J. Binsfield said power boats are being restricted by Isle Royal and soon only kayaks will be allowed. Suggestion that Ted Fritche, member of the power boat committee, become a member of the Harbor Committee. The Yacht Club newsletter commented about the need to respond. Beth Fischlowitz, Town Board liaison to the Harbor Committee will contact Greg Nelson in regards to this. Lois Carlson will write a letter from the Chamber to the Town Board. Thank you to Lois for her information.

Set next meeting(s) and agenda(s)

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

8. Adjourn.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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

Minutes approved as corrected November 9, 2009. Errors struck through; changes in italics.