

Harbor Committee
February 5, 2010

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

1. Call to order.

Meeting called the Harbor Committee to order on February 5, 2010 at 1:35 pm by Chair, Alan Fischlowitz. A quorum of the committee is present as reflected in members listed above.

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

A. January 5, 2010

Motion by J. Smith to approve the January 5, 2010 Harbor Committee minutes as presented, second, G. Russell for discussion.

Question if billing of hours by consultants actually qualifies for the 60/40 grant match. This will be discussed in further detail under agenda item 3.

All in favor of the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Coastal Management grant update.

A. Fischlowitz has revised the timeline in regards to the request by Coastal Management as the original timeline showed expenditure of grant funds starting January 2010. If the grant is approved, no expenditure of funds can be made until after July 1, 2010. A copy of the revised timeline is in the committee folders.

Discussion of the timeline.

A. Fischlowitz shows on the income side a tentative grant from Apostle Island Community Fund (AIACF) in the spring of 2010 for \$2500 and a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of \$2500. The combination of AIACF and CDBG grants (\$2500 each); \$5,000 from the 2010 Town Harbor budget in August; \$5,000 from the 2011 Town Harbor budget in February 2011 comes to \$15,000. 00. Add to that \$15,000 amount committee time from July 2010 through June 2011 (approx \$45,000) and Coastal Management funds (\$40,000) for a total of \$100,000.

Approximately \$70,000 will be needed for bills that JJR will be submitting throughout the year but there are other grants available within the Duluth-Superior fund that can be applied for between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011. There will also be \$20,000 left in the Town's harbor budget as a reserve, if no other matching funds can be found.

Even if the Coastal Management grant is approved, none of that grant money can be spent on JJR until July 1, 2010. However, if there are tasks that this committee would like JJR to do between now and July 1, 2010, a fee for services can be established. JJR would send the Town a bill and that bill would be paid out of the \$30,000 in the 2010 Harbor budget. JJR is to also find other grant sources.

Coastal Management grant update: A. Fischlowitz said he gave a short presentation along with handouts at the February 2nd Coastal Management grant review meeting. Bob Jauch submitted a letter that was read by Carrie Kahn, his aide, recommending funding of our project. A decision will be made March 15th. We are on the list as recommended for funding. If we receive the \$40,000 from Coastal Management we will be asked to sign a

contract that states, once the grant is done, we will have the \$60,000 in matching funds. The matching funds can include in-kind contributions.

4. Discussion of funding proposals and prospects.

A. Fischlowitz said he met Renee Daniels of Dave Obey's office in Wausau on Monday. They discussed dredging limits and he left the big map showing the changes with her to give to Mr. Obey. Also discussed was the last time the harbor was dredged as the boundaries were changed then, also. G. Russell said that happened in 2007 as the lake levels were very low that year. Bob Jauch and Dave Obey were very instrumental in that project. Harbor Assistance funds were used as well as a special earmark from Dave Obey.

Discussion that after the feasibility study the boundaries might have to be changed again. Renee Daniels might have other areas in which to find funds for our project.

Congress might also give us a special circumstance that would allow us to qualify for funding for commercial harbors without being a commercial harbor.

Other federal money cannot be used as a grant match for the Coastal Management grant since Coastal management is federal money. Local, State or private funds have to be used.

In addition to AIACF and CDBG grants there are five other funding sources within the Duluth/Superior Foundation, one of which is the Grutzner fund. Help will be needed to fill out these additional applications.

5. Discussion and/or Recommendation to the Town Board: 3 Year Harbor Development Plan Statement of Intentions.

In committee folders is last year's statement of intentions as well as the statement of intentions that have to be filled out this year. G. Russell gave a background of the Statement of Intentions. If you plan to apply for a Harbor Assistant grant, which is funded by the State, a three year harbor statement of intentions has to be on file to show that there is planning involved. This three year statement of intentions is updated each year, approved by the Town Board and submitted by the deadline date of April 1st. Last year includes the years of 2009, 2010 and 2011. Planning for the years 2010, 2011, 2012 need to be considered this year. .

Last year (2009) no money was asked for. This year (2010) shows a request for a feasibility study in the amount of \$100,000 paid for by \$50,000 from the Town of La Pointe and \$50,000 from the Army Corp. This committee has since learned, by way of the application for Section 154 (Army Corp) funds that the Army Corp does not fund feasibility studies so this needs to be changed. The year 2011 shows a 5 million dollar project for a 600 foot breakwater. 1 million dollars would come from the Town and 4 million from the Corp of Engineers.

Short discussion that dredging needs to take place every 3-4 years so \$100,000 could be put in for 2011 for that and the bigger project of the breakwater could be held off until 2012. 2010 could show the feasibility study in the amount of \$100,000 and change Army Corp to Coastal Management.

J. Smith and A. Fischlowitz will work on the three year statement of intentions after J. Smith returns from Superior Days in Madison. They will give their numbers to Keith Sowl, Town Foreman for his consideration.

6. Set next meeting and agenda.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 2nd at 1:30 p.m.

A special meeting will be held Friday, Feb 26th to look at grant applications that need to be filed on March 1st.

7. Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn by J. Smith, second, C. Meech. All in favor, all aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

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

Minutes approved as presented March 2, 2010