

Harbor Committee Minutes
March 26, 2014

Members present: Arnie Nelson, Chair; Gary Russell, Michael Childers, Tim Eldred, Gary Krubsack and Jon Berg, alternate.
Members absent: Tab Butler, Charlie Meech and Bob Kron, alternate.
Also present: Pete Clark, Town Administrator
Public present:

1. Call to order.

Meeting of the Harbor Committee called to order by A. Nelson, Chair at 1:37 pm on Wednesday, March 26, 2014. A quorum of the committee is present as reflected in members listed above.

2. Minutes of the following Harbor Committee meetings to be considered for approval:

A. March 21, 2013

B. August 1, 2013

C. October 17, 2013

Motion by T. Eldred to approve the Harbor Committee minutes of March 21, 2013, August 1, 2013 and October 17, 2013 as presented, second, M. Childers. All in favor, motion carried.

3. Review and Approval of 3-Year Harbor Plan.

The 3 Year Harbor Plan is the same plan as last year except for date changes.

For the year 2014 the plan is for Commercial Harbor Dredging, with funding sources from the WI Dept of Transportation (WisDot) in the amount of \$72,000 and \$18,000 from the Town of La Pointe.

Pete Clark said there is a \$190,000 continuing work plan that is funded through the Army Corp of Engineers. The Army Corp believes there is sufficient funding to dredge our entire harbor; the last time the harbor was dredged was in 2007. If funding is available, a survey and assessment and sediment sampling would take place in June. The contract to dredge would be let to local contractors on August 26th with the actual dredging to take place in September.

A. Nelson said the \$190,000 funding by the Army Corp is not available to the Town as the local contractor deals directly with the Army Corp when dredging takes place within the harbor limits. If the Town wants to go outside the harbor limits as the Town did a few years ago when the area outside the Beach Club dock was dredged, that funding would come through WIS-Dot and the Town of La Pointe. In that dredging project the funding was paid directly to the Town; the Town then hired a contractor, which was Nelson Construction, to dredge the area.

Question if this dredging outside the harbor limits is something the committee would recommend that the Town do at the same time the contract for the Army Corp is let.

Pete Clark said there is a letter to David Gerczak, Outreach Coordinator, Army Corp of Engineers in committee folders in regards to the expansion of the harbor dredge limits. The letter makes an appeal to David Gerczak for a design deficiency correction which would, based on increased commerce and traffic over the years, expand the present harbor limits. If the Town would qualify for a Design Deficiency Correction the Army Corp would continue to pay for subsequent dredging of the expanded area. If the Design Deficiency Correction status could be

approved before the harbor is dredged by the Corp, the entire harbor area could be dredged with available dollar amounts. T. Eldred asked what the contribution from the Town would be. A. Nelson said there would be no contribution from the Town.

Question as to what the \$18,000 from the Town as shown in the Three Year Harbor Plan for 2014 is for. A. Nelson said the \$18,000 was the amount WIS-DOT and Town of La Pointe funded for the area that was dredged outside the existing harbor limits in 2006. If the Army Corp does not expand the existing harbor limits through Design Deficiency Correction process and the Town decides to dredge outside the existing harbor limits the Town would have to request WI Dot funds for help in funding.

The \$190,000 for dredging by the Army Corp is separate from the Design Deficiency funding and the \$190,000 is not a set number; the Army Corp has a dollar amount for an x number of yards of dredging. The Corp will sound the harbor and tell you how many cubic yards need to come out in order to come down to 8 foot in a certain area or 10 feet in another area and then a cap is placed on the dollar amount. So, if there is 10,000 yards to be removed that would be calculated at \$19/yard; if there are 7,000 yards removed and the price is \$10/yd the cost is ~~\$170,000~~ \$70,000. That is their cap, no matter what. The cost also depends on what the soundings show. There are two different types of funding: within the federal limits the cost to the Town is \$0; outside the federal harbor limits WIS-DOT and the Town pays for the dredging.

The project for 2015 is to replace rub rails on the outer breakwater. The 2016 project is to widen and lengthen the Town dock, add a saw tooth ferry ramp on the north side, upgrade lighting on the dock to more energy efficient lighting and upgrade the lights on the outside breakwall by using LED lights and longer lasting batteries.

The Three Year Harbor Plan was approved by the Town Board on March 25, 2014 upon the Harbor Committee's approval.

The transient dock project would not be funded with WIS-DOT funds; that funding would fall under a different grant.

Discussion if the lights on the breakwater should be a 2015 project. Agreement to research and see if this could be completed in 2015. The breakwater light upgrade is also included in the transient dock project. Agreement that the lights should be changed to LEDs. Members will research what types of lights can be found to do this.

Motion by T. Eldred, second, G. Krubsack that the Three Year Harbor projects are in order and that the Three Year Harbor Plans be mailed out as approved by the Town Board. All in favor, all aye. Motion carried.

4. Update on Transient Pier and Navigational Aid Project.

Waiting for a decision on the grant application. A letter of support has been received by Senator Baldwin.

5. Adjourn.

Motion by J. Berg to adjourn, second, T. Eldred. All in favor, all aye, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.

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

Minutes approved as corrected on July 14, 2014 changes struck through; corrections in italics.