

Harbor Committee
April 6, 2010

Members present: Alan Fischlowitz, Chair; Gary Russell, Charlie Meech and Jerry Smith.
Members absent: Arnie Nelson
Ex-officio Present: Beth Fischlowitz, Town Board Supervisor
Also present: Keith Sowl, Town Foreman (2:00pm)

1. Call to order.

Regular meeting of the Harbor Committee called to order on Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 1:30 pm by Chair, Alan Fischlowitz. A quorum of the committee is present as reflected in members listed above.

A. Fischlowitz would like the committee to consider recommending to the Town Board the appointment of J. Smith to the Harbor committee for a three year term. So moved by G. Russell, second, C. Meech, all in favor, all aye. Motion carried.

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

A. February 26, 2010

Motion by J. Smith to accept the February 26, 2010 Harbor committee minutes as presented, second, C. Meech. All in favor, three ayes, one abstain (G. Russell). Motion carried.

B. March 2, 2010

Motion by J. Smith to accept the March 2, 2010 Harbor committee minutes as presented, second, C. Meech, all in favor, 3 ayes, one abstain (G. Russell) motion carried.

3. Recommendation to the Town Board: Appointment of Alternate Committee member(s): term ending March 10, 2013.

No one signed up on the signup sheet. Michael Childers has verbally offered to serve as an alternate on the committee.

Motion by A. Fischlowitz to recommend to the Town Board that Michael Childers be appointed as an alternate to the Harbor Committee for a three year term, term to end March 10, 2010. Second, J. Smith. All in favor, all aye, motion carried.

4. Discussion and or recommendation to the Town Board: Contract with JJR and attorney fees.

No new information has been received.

5. Grant Review:

A. Coastal Management Grant

Official announcement of award will be made this June. No funds can be expended and no expenses may be occurred in anticipation of the award before July 1, 2010.

B. Apostle Islands Area Community Fund (AIACF)

An announcement of an award could be made in about two weeks.

C. Duluth- Superior Community Foundation: Business Leaders Fund

The amount of the grant is \$5,000. An announcement of award could be made in a month.

D. DNR Recreational Boating grant.

A. Fischlowitz said Keith Sowl brought this grant to his attention. In the fund is about 2-3 million dollars for recreational boating. One planning grant can be up to 1% of the grant fund

total so \$20,000 would be 1% of \$2 million. Deadline is May 1st but applications would be considered as long as they were submitted before July 1st.

Keith suggested in an email that the harbor be divided into recreational and commercial. JJR might also propose this division. G. Russell said safety and security in the harbor has to be a priority if the harbor is to be divided in this manner. Storms and ice conditions have to be taken into consideration. J. Smith said G. Russell should talk to JJR about the ferry boats.

Short discussion of how the harbor could be divided.

Keith Sowl is now present (2:00pm)

K. Sowl said in his search for park funds he found the DNR Recreational Boating grant which funds feasibility studies. According to his contact, Ed Slaminski in Spooner, few applications have been submitted so Ed strongly encourages this committee to apply. The funds can also be used as a match for the Coastal Management grant.

Committee members make the point that the Corp of Engineers classifies our harbor as a shallow draft recreational harbor so we can use that classification to our advantage.

K. Sowl suggests that JJR submit the application. A. Fischlowitz will talk to JJR and will also meet with Ed Slaminski.

G. Russell said before the south side is designated as a recreational area a massive change would have to happen to the present commercial side. A lot of infrastructure has to be built. The ferry boats rely on the safety of the finger piers to secure the boats in storms. He suggested putting in 30 slips in 3 places rather than 100 slips in one area.

Agreement that there are several options.

E. Madeline Island Business Community.

Arnie Nelson and Gary Russell have said they would help both monetarily and politically.

Committee members can also contact other Island businesses. Agreement to develop a one page document that includes our mission statement, that we need x amount of funds and show how this project will benefit your business. The Committee does not want to use taxpayer money for this project.

Donations from the community will have to be in a designated fund. A. Fischlowitz will talk to Barb Nelson, Administrative Assistant, about setting up a designated fund for harbor.

Motion by G. Russell to set up a designated fund for harbor improvements for planning and feasibility studies. Second, J. Smith. All in favor all aye, motion carried.

6. Discussion of new funding proposals and prospects.

J. Smith has found several websites for federal and state funding, though there are not many sites for federal funds.

7. Correspondence from JJR, engineers RE: Long range plan and feasibility study.

Already discussed.

8. Set next meeting and agenda.

Next meeting scheduled for May 4, 2010 at 1:30pm.

9. Adjourn.

Motion by G. Russell to adjourn, second, C. Meech. All in favor, all aye, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:25pm

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

Minutes approved as presented May 4, 2010