

Harbor Committee Minutes
April 11, 2012

Members present: Jerry Smith, Chair; Tab Butler, Charles Meech, Gary Russell, Gary Krubsack and Tim Eldred, alternate (11:15 am).

Members absent: Arnie Nelson, Michael Childers and Bob Kron, Alternate.

1. Call to order.

Harbor Committee meeting called to order on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 11:05 a.m. by Chair, J. Smith. A quorum of the committee is present as reflected in members listed above.

2. Review and approve the following Harbor Committee minutes:

A. January 17, 2012.

J. Smith: On page 2 Item 6 under Budget review: add "in part" after the word reimbursed so sentence will read: "There is \$27,000 left plus what will be reimbursed *in part* by the WI Coastal Management grant.

Motion by G. Russell to approve the minutes of January 17, 2012 as corrected. Second, T. Butler. All in favor, all aye. Motion carried.

3. Discussion of Harbor Feasibility Study

A. Town Board Direction

J. Smith gave a power point presentation to the Town Board at the February 28, 2012 Town Board Meeting. The cash flow statement presented shows that the Harbor Committee started the Harbor Feasibility Study project with \$30,000. Contributions and grants totaled \$29,500 so the taxpayers spent \$500 for the feasibility study.

At the March 27, 2012 Town Board meeting the Town Board endorsed the Long Range Plan and Feasibility Study and determined that the priority of the three components of the plan will be:

1. Town Dock and Shoreline Improvements (approximate cost, \$2.7 million);
2. Special Anchorage area, (approximate cost \$160,000).
3. South Harbor Expansion: The Town Board decided not to take any action on the South Harbor Expansion as there is not much support for this.

The Town Dock and Shoreline Improvements will be divided into two projects: The Town Dock, which is a commercial project, approximate cost, \$1.2 million. Funds might be available through the Harbor Assistance Program (HAP); and the Shoreline Improvements project, which is considered a recreational project, would happen at a later date.

B. Future Assistance from JJR

JJR has suggested keeping the project moving, even if the projects are small.

Several agencies will have to be dealt with in regards to funding and permitting such as the Army Corp of Engineers, Environmental Protection Agency, Fish and Wildlife, and the State Historic Preservation Office. Agreement to deal with the DNR as the DNR will contact all other agencies.

T. Eldred is now present (11:15 am)

5. Grant Review

There is a new federal grant called the TIGER grant.

A. Wisconsin Coastal Management

B. WI Harbor Assistance Program

The Harbor Assistance Program is an 80/20 program whereby HAP would pay 80% of the project and the Town would pay 20%. Funds have been received in the past from HAP for dredging and dock expansion. The Madeline Island Ferry Line has funded the 20% match for some of these projects.

HAP does not pay for any work prior to the granting of funds.

Discussion that HAP might not have funds available for five years and so the committee would not want JJR to do the design work until HAP gives a preliminary indication that HAP would fund a project. Suggestion that JJR could use the cost estimates and dock design in the feasibility study for the initial application.

Question that if an application was submitted to HAP and funds were not available, would the initial application be kept active or would a new application need to be submitted for each granting period. On that same note, if JJR were paid to submit an application but the application was not successful, would the committee want to pay JJR for another application.

Need to contact JJR regarding costs and procedures. Any proposal from JJR would have to be approved by the Town Board and at this time there are no funds to pay for this initial contact with JJR.

J. Smith will contact JJR and ask JJR about the cost and procedure to apply for HAP funds.

Suggestion to send JJR the Three Year Harbor plan.

G. Russell will find out the name of the person to contact regarding HAP funding. JJR also might know.

Committee members and the Town Administrator the Town is to hire could also help with grant writing.

This year Washington Island is asking for \$7 million in HAP funds for dredging.

HAP funds are available only for commercial projects. The dock coming off of Middle Road, the shoreline improvements, and special anchorage area are considered recreational uses so other sources of funding would have to be found for those projects. JJR could begin looking for funding for these recreational projects also.

G. Russell said the annual meeting of Port members will be held on the Island this summer. J. Smith has attended the annual Ports group meetings in the last two years and has offered to find lodging and meeting areas for the group on the Island and Bayfield. The smaller meeting could be held at the Lightkeepers Lodge on the Island. The big meeting is scheduled for the Bayfield Inn. This committee can sit in on their meetings. Good to make contacts. The group is staying at the Winfield Inn in Bayfield.

6. Budget review.

Budget looks good.

7. Regulation of La Pointe Harbor

Suggestion to invite Mike Anderson, Police Chief and Keith Sowl, Town Foreman to the next Harbor Committee meeting.

8. Set next meeting and agenda

To be scheduled at a later date.

9. Adjourn.

Motion to adjourn by T. Eldred, second, T. Butler. All in favor, all aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:55 a.m.

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

Minutes approved as submitted July 17, 2011