

**Harbor Committee**  
**May 4, 2010**

Members present: Alan Fischlowitz, Chair; Gary Russell, Charlie Meech, Jerry Smith, Michael Childers, Alternate.

Members absent: Arnie Nelson

Also present:

**1. Call to order.**

Regular meeting of the Harbor Committee called to order on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 at 1:30 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. April 6, 2010**

Short discussion of agenda item #4: Discussion and or recommendation to the Town Board: Contract with JJR and attorney fees. C. Meech would like to make the point that the committee should review the contract instead of our attorney in light of the billing the town's attorney has submitted for review of this contract.

Long discussion on the contract between the Town and JJR, engineers, who are doing the long range plan/feasibility study for the harbor. A. Fischlowitz said he has discussed the contract with Attorney Fauerbach and has emailed the red line copy and the new draft to committee members. If committee members have any concerns they should get back to A. Fischlowitz.

Motion by J. Smith to approve the Harbor Committee minutes as presented, second, G. Russell. All in favor, all aye, motion carried.

**3. Discussion: Status of JJR contract.**

Discussed under agenda item 2.

When the Town and JJR are ready to sign the contract A. Fischlowitz will email the final contract to committee members.

**4. Approval of current JJR bill**

A bill of \$700.00 has been submitted by JJR for several phone conversations and the assistance JJR gave A. Fischlowitz for the preparation of the Coastal Management grant presentation in Madison.

Motion by A. Fischlowitz to approve the bill to JJR, second, J. Smith. All in favor, all aye. Motion carried.

**5. Grant Review:**

**A. Coastal Management Grant**

The State signed off and is waiting for notice of federal funding. The Town will receive \$40,000. The committee continues to work on finding funds for the match.

**B. Apostle Islands Area Community Fund (AIACF)**

Did not receive funding, the reason being we are a body of the Town of La Pointe and therefore have other resources for funding.

**C. Duluth- Superior Community Foundation: Business Leaders Fund**

A decision will be made mid- June.

#### **D. DNR Recreational Boating grant**

A. Fischlowitz met with Ed Slaminski, Northern region representative for the DNR. Ed said feasibility studies are funded but only for recreational development; commercial development cannot receive funding. Also, only feasibility studies can receive funding; long range plans will not receive funding. The application and guidelines are available on the DNR website.

A. Fischlowitz talked to Jason at JJR and Jason said they could develop a supporting document for a feasibility study.

The location of the recreational boating area has to be shown on the application. Suggestion to say there are many configurations and we have elected to start with this. G. Russell said it is not unusual to have commercial/recreational harbors in close vicinity or even overlapping.

We are classified by the Corps of Engineers as a shallow draft recreational harbor.

J. Smith will help A. Fischlowitz with the grant application.

#### **E. Island Matching Fund (IMF) (formerly Business Community Fund).**

M. Childers, along with help from A. Fischlowitz and G. Russell, will write a one page letter with bullet points explaining why this committee is asking for money. This paper will be ready in two weeks.

#### **6. Docking at Joni's Beach (all day/overnight). Request from CAPP.**

The point has been raised that there are several islanders who find they are inhibited from the full use of the dock at Joni's Beach because visitors tie up at the dock and stay overnight. The Community and Public Works Planning Committee (CAPP) requested that the Harbor Committee consider this situation. CAPP would like to see a sign posted that said no overnight parking on the dock.

Discussion of how to address this request. The Harbor Committee is not a Harbor Commission and therefore is considered a study committee; not an enforcement committee. Consensus of the Harbor Committee that the Town Board should set the guidelines as to the use of the dock and beach at Joni's Beach.

Motion by G. Russell, second by Jerry Smith that the Harbor Committee supports the CAPP Committee and requests that the Town Board set docking (overnight and all day) restrictions at Joni's Beach." All in favor, all aye. Motion carried.

Short discussion of dock leases that are coming up for renewal. Agreement that because of the amount of committee time the harbor feasibility study/long range plan will take the dock leases will continue to be considered by the Town Board.

#### **7. Set next meeting and agenda.**

Consensus of the committee to set the next meeting for Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.

#### **8. Adjourn.**

Motion by A. Fischlowitz to adjourn, second, J. Smith. All in favor, all aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Minutes taken from recorder and respectfully submitted by Kathy Erickson, Clerical Assistant  
Minutes approved as presented 6/1/2010