

**Harbor Committee Minutes
September 22, 2010**

Members present: Jerry Smith, Chair Pro Tem, Alan Fischlowitz, Gary Russell, Charles Meech and Michael Childers.

Members absent: Arnie Nelson

Also present:

1. Call to order.

Harbor Committee meeting called to order on Wednesday, September 22, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. by Chair Pro Tem J. Smith. A quorum of the committee is present as reflected in members listed above.

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

A. August 3, 2010

Corrections to the August 3, 2010 minutes as follows:

Under agenda item 3: strike "five" and replace with "six" members.

Under agenda item 4: strike "of which \$30,000 is contingent."

Under agenda item 6(B): strike "Captain" and replace with "Pat"

Motion by A. Fischlowitz to approve the August 3, 2010 Harbor Committee minutes as changed. Second, M. Childers. All in favor, 4 ayes. Motion carried.

3. Status of recommendation to the Town Board: Appointment of Harbor Committee members

Four people have signed up for 1 seated position and 2 alternate positions.

After a lengthy discussion the following motions were made:

Motion by A. Fischlowitz to recommend to the Town Board to nominate Tab Butler to the seated position on the Harbor Committee, second, M. Childers, all in favor, five ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Meech to recommend to the Town Board that Bob Kron and Gary Krupsack be appointed to the Harbor Committee as alternates. Second, M. Childers. Discussion.

Question of which alternate would vote if six of the seven seated members and two alternates are present. A. Fischlowitz will research an answer to this question.

Call the question: Motion on the floor is to recommend to the Town Board Robert Kron and G. Krupsack as alternates on the Harbor Committee. All in favor, five ayes. Motion carried.

Agreement to move to agenda item 4. Report on WI Commercial Ports Association Annual Meeting to the end of the agenda.

5. Budget Review.

G. Russell submits a check for \$500 from the Madeline Island Yacht Club for the Island Matching Fund (IMF).

J. Smith distributed copies of his cash flow report to the committee.

\$39,500 cash has been received. Expenditures are \$4,294.34.

Question regarding legal fees: since this committee has requested funds from the community is it fair that those funds are used to pay for legal fees to review contracts?

6. Grant Review:

B. DNR Recreational Boating grant.

The Town has requested a \$7500 cash advance from the DNR Recreational Boating grant with the remaining \$7500 coming at a later date.

C. Island Matching Fund (IMF).

The committee had set a goal of \$15,000 for the IMF but because the DNR Recreational Boating grant awarded was \$15,000 instead of \$20,000 the goal for IMF has been increased to \$20,000.

7. Discussion and recommendation to have JJR start feasibility study.

Discussion of Task #2 – Grant Acquisition Assistance – \$12,847.00 in the JJR contract.

Because the committee has pursued and has been awarded grant money this amount might be able to be re-negotiated.

JJR would like to meet with this committee some time in October.

Agreement by the committee that A. Fischlowitz contact JJR to ask JJR to re-work the budget regarding Task #2 and to inform JJR that they can begin the feasibility study.

8. Expansion of Dredging Boundaries

A. Fischlowitz said Senator Jauch will support the expansion of our dredging boundaries at the State level. Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin, District 2 said she will provide assistance in Dave Obey's absence. M. Childers said Tammy Baldwin will put the language we need in the next appropriations bill but this committee has to provide her, on a 3x5 card, what that language is to be. A. Fischlowitz will work with Tammy regarding the language.

A. Fischlowitz leaves the meeting at 11:35 am.

6. Grant Review

A. Coastal Management Grant.

J. Smith is working on a spreadsheet that will show the hours each committee member has spent at committee meetings and the time members have spent on work for the harbor committee.

Time spent on items such as the Waterways Commission cannot be included; only time spent by this committee for the harbor qualifies. Time will be billed at \$100.00/hour.

Roundtrip mileage, using the IRS mileage rate, can also be billed for travel to and from meetings. The time and mileage costs will be submitted with the bills to Coastal Management which will be reimbursed 40% toward the match.

The spreadsheet will be available at the next meeting.

9. Request for Ashland County Geographic Information Systems Data

No information available.

4. Report on WI Commercial Ports Association Annual Meeting

J. Smith reported that he learned about problems with the ferry wall corrosion.

J. Smith attended the presentation by the State regarding grants for commercial ports. According to State Statutes we are considered a commercial harbor so we qualify for HAP (Harbor Assistance Program) funds but at this time no funds are available. HAP funds do not apply to recreational harbors or marinas.

G. Russell said the Madeline Island Ferry Lines, Inc has paid the town's share of the match in the past when HAP funds were used.

J. Smith said Washburn has dropped out of the commercial port listing.

10. Set next meeting and agenda.

The next meeting will be scheduled when JJR can attend.

11. Adjourn.

Motion by M. Childers to adjourn, second, C. Meech. 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 presented December 8, 2010