

TOWN OF LA POINTE
Board of Harbor Commissioners
THURSDAY November 14th, 2024
9:00 a.m. at Town Hall and via Zoom
Approved Minutes

Commissioners Present: Michael Collins, Zach Montagne, Glenn Carlson, Susan Widmar, Jay Wiltz

Commissioners Absent: Pete Ross, Evan Erickson

Staff Present: Lauren Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary, Katie Kisner, Chief Administrative Officer

Public Present: Lee Baker, Paul Brummer

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Z. Montagne at 9:00am.
2. Roll Call: All members, staff and public present as listed above.
3. Public Comment A*:
 - a. P. Brummer commented on the special propane ferry boat schedule and asked for Harbor Commission meetings to be held at 5pm.
 - b. E. Erickson requested the Harbor Commission meetings be held at 8am or later in the day.
 - c. E. Ellis wrote to the Harbor Commission about the passenger van not being on the morning trip on November 5th and 6th. She requested this be resolved.
4. Harbor Commission Newsletter Update – Lee Baker: Alex Smith, Town Clerk, and Harbor Commission Secretary are working on getting L. Baker access to the town’s website. She will have her own page to work with, along with her own login.
5. Minutes – 10/31/24: Motion by G. Carlson to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Z. Montagne, all in favor, motion carried.
6. Chief Administrative Officer Report – Katie Kisner: Discussion on travel authorization for MIFL and student ridership on ferries. Motion by Z. Montagne to put the CAO report on file, seconded by J. Wiltz, all in favor, motion carried.
7. EPA Grant Update: The application submission was not selected for the grant. Cal Linehan (MIFL LLC Marine Operation Manager) will give an update when he is back in town from the Work Boat Show.
8. Resignation of Commissioner Ross: Z. Montagne thanks Commissioner Ross for his time on the Commission. Z. Montagne motions to approve resignation, seconded by S. Widmar, all in favor, motion carries. It is noted that in the case of quorum and votes, P. Ross will still be considered on the Board until replaced per state statute.
9. Approval of Bills: Motion by Z. Montagne to approve the bills in the amount of \$70,279.03 and \$1,226.27, seconded by S. Widmar, all in favor, motion carried.

10. Review of MIFL Management Contract: Motion by Z. Montagne to move this item to after #13, seconded by G. Carlson, all in favor, motion carried.
11. Future Agenda Items: EPA Grant Update, Work Boat Show Review, Budget, Lee Baker Update, Meeting with Madeline Island Chamber Regarding 2025 Advertising.
12. Meeting Dates: Thursday, November 21st at 9am.
13. Public Comment B**:
 - a. P. Brummer commented on the Commission's meeting time and Chamber advertising.
 - b. G. Carlson updated the Commission that the Emergency Repair Fund has been approved by the Town Board, as was the easement for the Middle Road property for Greg Nelson.
 - c. J. Wiltz informed the Board that Jackie Noha (School Chaperone for Island Kids on Ferry) has asked how to watch the Harbor Commission meetings so she can stay informed.

#10. Review of MIFL Management Contract: Motion by Z. Montagne to go into closed session to review the MIFL Management Contract, seconded by S. Widmar, five ayes, motion carried and in closed session at 9:31am.

Motion by G. Carlson to go back into open session, seconded by J. Wiltz, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting in open session at 9:50am.

This meeting may, upon duly made motion, be convened in closed session under State Statute 19.85 (1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. If the Commission goes into closed session; it will reconvene in open session before adjourning.

14. Adjourn: Motion by Z. Montagne to adjourn, seconded by S. Widmar, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:51am.

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary.
Minutes approved as presented on Thursday, November 21st, 2024, L. Burtaux.