

TOWN OF LA POINTE
Board of Harbor Commissioners
WEDNESDAY January 8th, 2025
9:00 a.m. at Town Hall and via Zoom
Approved Minutes

Commissioners Present: Michael Collins, Zach Montagne, Glenn Carlson, Susan Widmar, Evan Erickson Jr.

Commissioners Absent: Pete Ross, Jay Wiltz

Staff Present: Katie Kisner, Chief Administrative Officer

Public Present: Charley Brummer, John Carlson, Robin Trinko-Russell, Cal Linehan, Kaite Bartyn (La Pointe School Teacher), 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. Kaite Bartyn commented that the new ferry schedule adds an hour a day above her contract with the Bayfield School District. She also commented on the departure time and that it makes it difficult for the special teachers to get to and from the Island School.
 - b. John Carlson commented on the ferry schedule and how it affects folks working on the mainland.
 - c. Paul Brummer requested the Harbor Commission meetings be held in the evenings. He commented on a documentary
 - d. Robin Trinko Russell noted that there have been a lot of calls regarding summer schedule and tariffs. She stated three students have picked up their ferry passes.
4. Minutes – 1/2/25: Tabled.
5. Chief Administrative Officer Report – Katie Kisner: Discussion on Bayfield School District/MIFL contract regarding student ridership and passes, public records requests. Motion by Z. Montagne to put the CAO report on file, seconded by S. Widmar, all in favor, motion carried.
6. January 2025-Freeze Up Schedule Discussion: Question of why the changes of the schedule. Discussion regarding ice, changes in weather conditions, and the conditions of boats. Conclusion to keep the schedule as is for the upcoming weeks, as the ice thickens, this will likely change.
7. Update on Wisconsin Surplus Auction: E. Erickson noted the fridge truck did not sell. Both trailers sold. The Public Works Department will plan another auction in the spring, and they will try to reacquire the fridge truck at that time.

8. Discussion on Students Not in Bayfield School District Ferry Ridership: Motion by G. Carlson for K. Kisner to work with MIFL, LLC to form a letter for non-student Bayfield transportation, seconded by M. Collins, all in favor, motion carried.
9. 2025 Tariffs: E. Erickson made a spreadsheet with all tariffs and potential new adjustments, and increased percentages for 2025. Discussions will continue on this topic.
10. Compensation Resolution 2025: Motion by ___ to approve Resolution #2025-0108 as presented, seconded by ___, all in favor, motion carried.
11. Discussion on Protocol for Holding Boats: Discussion on the circumstances for each instance and that it is unique. This is and will continue to be at the discretion of the captain and crew working.
12. Winter Transportation 2024-25 Cooperative Agreement: Motion by G. Carlson to approve, seconded by E. Erickson, all in favor, motion carried.
13. Approval of Bills: None.
14. Review of MIFL Management Contract: Nothing.

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.

15. Future Agenda Items: Marketing Committee Update, 2025 Tariffs, 2025 Schedule.
16. Meeting Dates: Thursday, January 16th, 2025, at 9am.
17. Public Comment B**: None.
18. Adjourn: Motion by Z. Montagne to adjourn, seconded by G. Carlson, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:26am.

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary (Minutes taken from Zoom recording).

Minutes approved as presented on Thursday, January 16th, 2025, L. Burtaux.