

TOWN OF LA POINTE
Board of Harbor Commissioners
THURSDAY January 30th, 2025
8:00 a.m. at Town Hall and via Zoom
Approved Minutes

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

Commissioners Absent: Pete Ross

Staff Present: Lauren Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary, Katie Kisner (on Zoom at 8:07am), Chief Administrative Officer

Public Present: Charley Brummer, Cal Linehan (on Zoom at 8:13am), Robin Trinko Russell (arrived at 8:55am)

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 8:02am by Z. Montagne.
2. Roll Call: All members, staff and public present as listed above.
3. Public Comment A: Charley Brummer thanked Cal Linehan and Zach Montagne for their assistance in propane deliveries, especially during the cold weather. He also commented that he hoped for later Harbor Commission meeting times.
4. Minutes – 1/16/25: Motion by M. Collins to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Z. Montagne, no discussion, all in favor, motion carried.
5. Chief Administrative Officer Report – Katie Kisner: Motion by Z. Montagne to table the report until K. Kisner is in the meeting, seconded by G. Carlson, all in favor, motion carried.
6. 2025 Tariffs: Discussion on various changes made to the rates. Motion by G. Carlson to present the suggested tariffs worksheet to MIFL, seconded by M. Collins, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Z. Montagne to discuss item #5, seconded by G. Carlson, all in favor, motion carried.

#5: Chief Administrative Officer Report: Discussion on 2025 gratis policy and MIFL travel update. Motion by E. Erickson to put the report on file, seconded by S. Widmar, all in favor, motion carried.

7. 2025 Schedule Discussion: Conversation on Madeline Island School of Art requests for a later boat during the shoulder seasons.
 - a. Freeze Up Schedule Update: There will likely be no shut down due to warm temperatures.
8. Authorization of Transfer of Certificate of Deposit: The Certificate of Deposit matures on February 2nd. Motion by J. Wiltz to approve transferring the interest payment amount for the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands loan payment, \$

\$289,972.60, to the Debt Service bank account, and the remaining funds at the time of maturity to the MIFL Utility bank account, seconded by E. Erickson, all in favor, motion carried.

9. Review and Authorization of Harbor Assistance Program Grant Agreement: Question of whether the Harbor Commission/Town will need to cover the total costs and then be reimbursed. The answer is no, the Commission will pay the 20%. The project is hoping to start this spring. Motion by G. Carlson to approve the grant agreement, seconded by E. Erickson, all in favor, motion carried.
10. Approval of Bills: Motion by E. Erickson to approve the bills in the amount of \$91,703.81, seconded by M. Collins, all in favor, motion carried.
11. Future Agenda Items: Approve policy for school transportation, congress direct spending discussion, tariffs, 2025 schedule.
12. Meeting Dates: Thursday, February 6th at 8am.
13. Public Comment B: None.
14. Parcel Contracts Discussion: Motion by Z. Montagne to go into closed session to discuss Parcel Contracts and MIFL Management Contract, seconded by G. Carlson, 6 ayes, motion carried and in closed session at 8:57am.

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. Review of MIFL Management Contract

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Motion by E. Erickson to go back into open session, seconded by G. Carlson, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting in open session at 9:37am.

16. Adjourn: Motion by E. Erickson to adjourn, seconded by M. Collins, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:38am.

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary.

Minutes approved with edits in italics on Thursday, February 3rd, 2025, L. Burtaux.