

TOWN OF LA POINTE
Board of Harbor Commissioners
THURSDAY February 6th, 2025
8:00 a.m. at Town Hall and via Zoom
Approved Minutes

Commissioners Present: Michael Collins (via Zoom), Zach Montagne, Glenn Carlson, Evan Erickson Jr., Jay Wiltz, Susan Widmar (arrived via Zoom at 8:11am)

Commissioners Absent: Pete Ross

Staff Present: Lauren Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary, Katie Kisner, Chief Administrative Officer, Max Imholte, Town Administrator

Public Present: Hilary Olander Quamme, Charley Brummer, Cal Linehan (arrived at 8:03am), Robin Trinko Russell (arrived at 8:03am)

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 8am by Z. Montagne.
2. Roll Call: All members, staff and public present as listed above.
3. Public Comment A*
 - a. Hilary Olander Quamme informed the Commission that a few kids are signed up for spring traveling soccer starting April 1st and the practice will be 5:30-7pm weekday nights and requests a late ferry boat for after practice. The day of the week is unsure.
 - b. See attached MIFL, LLC public comment.
4. Minutes – 1/30/25: G. Carlson points out that there is a transposition in his last name on item #6. Motion by Z. Montagne to approve the minutes with the edit, seconded by G. *Carlson*, all in favor, motion carried.
5. Chief Administrative Officer Report – Katie Kisner: Motion by E. Erickson to put the report on file, seconded by M. Collins, all in favor, motion carried.
6. Discuss Congressional Direct Spending Request: Suggestion by G. Carlson requesting that C. Linehan works on an application for congressionally directed spending for a new ferry boat build, like the EPA grant build, but omitting the full electric option, and instead have a hybrid. C. Linehan believes this to be a great option.
7. 2025 Tariffs Discussion: Question as to where the MIFL tariff sheet referenced in the public comment made by MIFL. MIFL suggests a smaller committee to meet and go over the details of tariffs. J. Wiltz notes that MIFL, LLC is required to provide the budget (and therefore tariffs) to the Town Board/Harbor Commission.
8. 2025 Schedule Discussion: C. Linehan needs more information to finalize the proposed ferry schedule for 2025.

- a. Freeze Up Schedule Update: C. Linehan notes the Windsled and MIFL, LLC are preparing for the ferry to stop service. They anticipate that shut down will happen late next week or early the following week.
9. Review Policy Regarding Ambulance Ferry Charges for Emergency Runs: Discussion on the rates for charges for emergency runs in which a ferry and crew wait for the ambulance and responders in Bayfield. The rate is \$100/15 minutes. The Ambulance Director, S. Schram, requested this be reviewed. J. Wiltz suggests finding an average wait time and changing the special trip charge to include a flat rate fee for any ambulance emergency run.
10. West Bend Insurance Quote to Add: Garage Keepers Premium: K. Kisner explains this policy addition would cover employees that drive customer vehicles, including business vehicles. Motion by G. Carlson to approve the Garage Keepers Premium, seconded by J. Wiltz, all in favor, motion carried.
11. Approval of Bills: Motion by Z. Montagne to approve the bills in the amount of \$531.45, seconded by M. Collins, all in favor, motion carried.
12. Future Agenda Items: Authorize Congressional Direct Spending Proposal, Approve Management Fee, Schedule and Tariff Discussions.
13. Meeting Dates: February 13th or to be determined depending on Commissioner's availability.
14. Public Comment B**: G. Carlson and C. Linehan were on TV regarding ferry operations and the weather challenges.
15. Review of MIFL Management Contract: None.
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.
16. Adjourn: Motion by Z. Montagne to adjourn, seconded by J. Wiltz, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:42am.

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary.
Minutes approved with edits in italics on Thursday, February 20th, 2025, L. Burtaux.