

Harbor Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 23, 2009 – 9:00 A.M.
Paul J. Bertschinger Community Center
7860 Hwy 42, Egg Harbor, Wisconsin

Members Present: Chair-Mike Fitzgerald, Bill Cammack, Bob Dunworth, Karl Klug, Ken Mathys-present by phone, Josh Van Lieshout

Members Absent: Steve Smith-Excused

Also Present: Bill Brose-JJR, Brett Oftedahl-JJR, Rich Dirks, John Moravec (9:10 a.m.)

1. Call meeting to order.

Chair-Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

2. Open Session (Limited To Ten Minutes).

Fitzgerald invited Dirks to speak. Dirks mentioned his concerns regarding the Village's lack of communication with the mooring customers and urged the Village to explain what and why this happened with the moorings. Fitzgerald and Van Lieshout agreed that communication was vital and follow up on this. It was mentioned that something would be put together after the meeting to send out to the mooring holders.

Van Lieshout explained that the DNR is not withdrawing the mooring permit at this point yet. Fitzgerald invited John Moravec to address the Committee with any concerns. He spoke to the committee and urged them to look for an opportunity to restore the moorings either now or in the future.

3. Approve Harbor Committee Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2009

Fitzgerald moved to approve the Harbor Committee Meeting minutes of November 18, 2009, Cammack seconded. Motion carried.

4. Harbor Master's Report

a. Slip Assignments/Slip Rentals:

Van Lieshout stated that within the packet there is a memo and marina layout map indicating the four slips remaining.

Van Lieshout stated he is in the process of updating the lease agreement.

Mathys asked about the non-profit group, Sea Scout Ship #50, keeping their boat in the harbor with a reduced fee. This is to be included on next month's agenda.

5. Review of Marina Ordinance, Chapter 94

Van Lieshout indicated we are still trying to figure out how to incorporate the recommendations/changes into the Harbor Regulations. Van Lieshout asked if there is anything else to request as a change at this time. Fitzgerald requested that this be put back on next month's agenda including the changes and moorings.

It was suggested that bike riding, as well as skateboarding and rollerblading on the breakwall or dock should not be allowed and this should be notated in the ordinance.

6. Update on Egg Harbor Marina and Harbor Improvements Progress

a. Review of work plans and time table for Phase I, II, & III

Fitzgerald introduced Brose and Oftedahl.

Oftedahl spoke on *Phase I*- The construction is just about rapped up for the year. Luhr brothers is currently getting equipment back on site to finish the work. In spring, the concrete work will be finished.

Phase II: The fabrication drawings for the docks were complete. Currently, Skipper Marine has been working hard to get things going with the electrical. The docks will be fabricated now to install as soon as they can go into the water. They only have eleven of the pilings left to drive in; following the placement, they'll send the diver into the water to cut them off. They feel they have about 10 days of work left.

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Regarding the Village's request for cable hook-up, JJR has contacted Charter, but Charter stated due to restructure, they would be unable to contact the correct person regarding this until after January 1st. Brose stated that the conduit will be in place, so the cable hook-up could be delayed until a later date. *Phase II* should be completed by June. April and May will be very busy months with the upland work beginning as well. Oftedahl mentioned that access to the docks would have to be addressed. Oftedahl and Brose suggested it may possibly be done in two stages. The upper could be used and then switched to the lower as things progress.

Fitzgerald mentioned that there was a 10 foot vacuum under the surface of the breakwall. Oftedahl stated that from information that he received, the wall was in very rough condition. Brose stated in spring he will be taking another dive and will see at that time, if there is any remaining debris to be removed.

Van Lieshout said that parking will be an issue for a while, with possible shuttling from uptown or some other avenue. Oftedahl stated that the West end of the parking will now be a recessed storm water filtration area so the 3 trees originally planned trees will no longer be there. Van Lieshout suggested that perhaps the trees can be relocated to another area.

Fitzgerald asked the Harbor Committee if the site of the playground was acceptable with everyone. Consensus was that the site would be appropriate if the road was in fact closed. Oftedahl stated that everything needs to be replaced in the fuel area. Committee members discussed the gas dispenser replacement and 6' X 8' fuel hut.

Brose explained the stone cost is below expenditure. The savings has been put into Phase III, while being conservative.

Ideas of artwork and a memorial were discussed at length by the Committee and JJR. A suggestion of renderings similar to the last renderings was suggested. Fitzgerald stated that the Board, Harbor Committee and staff should have a consensus regarding this and they should have a meeting. He felt that one meeting would solidify this subject, as well as a few other things.

Dirks suggested a kiosk to direct boaters to different areas of the Village. Cammack explained that Plan Commission is already working on a kiosk to direct people to areas of the Village.

Public Relations/Press was discussed regarding the Marina.

Fitzgerald stated they may try to get national press regarding the Marina. Brose stated he could put something together for a national publication; they would like to submit the Egg Harbor Marina for awards as well.

Mathys stated he will keep the Great Lakes Cruising Club website informed and updated with all relevant information with updates as needed.

7. Update on Waterway Commission Meeting

Fitzgerald commented on the Waterway Commission Meeting. He said the meeting went well.

They were thrilled to see what was done with the Marina and how the funding was used up to this point. The Waterway Commission stated they will come on August 14th for the opening.

Fitzgerald stated they will be going back to a Water Commission Meeting in August.

8. Update on the Contested Case Hearing and Stay

Van Lieshout stated the contested case hearing was awarded, but the stay was denied. The hearing will be on two disputed facts: Natural scenic beauty and Impacts to Navigation. The time has not been set yet, but they hope to set it as soon as possible. Hopefully a ruling for the judge will be timely. The navigation impact was discussed briefly.

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9. Next meeting time and date.

The next meeting date and time were set for Wednesday, January 27, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

10. Adjournment

Cammack moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 a.m., Dunworth seconded. Motion carried.

Recorded by,
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