

City of Alpena Harbor Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes 4:30 p.m., Thursday, July 1, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Committee members present: Ed Retherford, Al Moe – *left at 5:00 p.m.*, Wayne Lewis, Tanner Kostelic, Don LaBarre, Steve Wilson, Jason Luther, Jeremy Winterstein - *left at 5:45 p.m.*

Committee members absent: None

Staff present: Shannon Smolinski, Steve Shultz, Cassie Stone

Others present: Anne Gentry (DDA) Eric Szymanski (NEMCOG)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –Motion by Moe, Second by Lewis, Motion carried to modify the agenda by moving up the Brown Trout Festival when Peggy Donakowski arrives.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES -June 3, 2021 -Motion by Wilson, Second by Lewis, Motion carried.

BUSINESS:

1. Corrective Action Plan Status

- a. Lighting – There is currently \$15,000 available in this fiscal year for lighting upgrades at the marina. Shannon is proposing to submit for a \$5,000.00 match grant to exchange out the lighting on the breakwall with high efficiency LED lighted bollards. Bollards cost \$900.00 each. There might be something else available that could be more cost effective commercial grade that would be dark sky compatible that could be used. Motion made by Moe, seconded by Retherford to pursue the grant to establish bollard lighting on the breakwall. Winterstein stated that when coming into the harbor there is a light out on the left hand side of the Second Avenue Bridge.
- b. Boater Lounge – Shannon asked if anyone on the committee or boaters would consider adopting the boater’s lounge to help refurbish it. Committee members are going to go take a look at the lounge and get together a plan to figure out what needs

to be done to make it bright and an inviting spot. Shannon stated a fresh coat of paint and new flooring would do wonders in there. The members agreed to ask around and see if anyone would be interested in forming a Marina Pride Committee and that topic will be added to next meeting's agenda. Shannon has a meeting with Steve from the Alpena News who will be doing a article on the marina that will be published in Saturday's paper around the time the marina survey is made public. Winterstein suggested the fish cleaning station is a big expense to steam clean and to keep up and it might be more cost effective to allow people with the access code to be able to utilize it that use the marina docks and launch and not just walk ins to use the station or a fee could be applied to use it. Shannon stated that there is a need for a steam cleaner and power washer that could be used almost daily at the marina. New signage has been ordered for the fish cleaning station.

2. Master Plan

- a. Charette Agenda and Procedure review – Eric from NEMCOG stated that he broke up the key stakeholders into roundtable sessions for the charette so people would feel more involved in the process. Monday, August 9th from 6:30-8:30 was chosen by the members for the charette date with the public. Shannon stated that she is hoping to have people from a lot of different groups for input. Shannon explained how she broke the marina down into eight different locations so people could give their opinion of each location and what idea they would like moving forward.

3. Brown Trout Festival – Peggy Donakowski – No show

4. Summer Parking – Shannon stated people just park boats on the marina grounds to have a spot to park them for free but people pay \$1400.00 and up to be able to park their boats at the marina. If members want to start charging a fee for parking, Shannon explained that she would have to take it to council for approval. Members discussed different ways fees could be charged.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

MEMBER'S COMMENTS: None

MOVED TO CLOSED SESSION AT 5:45 P.M.

OPEN BACK UP TO OPEN SESSION, Motion by Lewis, Second by LaBarre

NEXT MEETING: Set for August 3, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Wilson, Second by LaBarre