

TOWN OF LA POINTE
Board of Harbor Commissioners
Thursday April 23rd, 2026
9:00am at Town Hall and Live via YouTube
Approved Minutes

Commissioners Present: Zach Montagne, Glenn Carlson, Evan Erickson Jr, Michael Collins, Mary Ross (9:25am), Jay Wiltz (via Zoom), Susan Widmar (absent)

Staff Present: Katie Kisner, Chief Administrative Officer and Interim Harbor Commission Secretary, Richard Kula, Zoning Administrator (via Zoom)

Public Present: Cal Linehan(via Zoom), Dave Donkers, Nick Hays, Elena

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9am by Z. Montagne.
2. Roll Call: All members, staff and public present as listed above.
3. Public Comment A*: None
This portion of public comment is restricted to one minute in length. The opportunity to speak for longer than one minute appears later in the agenda. You may also submit a public comment to the Harbor Commission secretary via email (harborstaff@townoflapointewi.gov) or drop it in the suggestion box outside Town Hall.
4. Minutes – 3/30/26: Motion by M. Collins to approve as presented, seconded by E. Erickson, all in favor, motion carried.
5. Chief Administrative Officer Report – Katie Kisner: Long Term Finance Task Force will be meeting April 28th. MIFL LLC provided an invoice for the painting of the Herring Shed. Consensus to add free walk on passage to the tariff on September 30th for Treaty Day. Also, to reduce the crew hour and add palletized cargo at the tonnage rate. Motion by G. Carlson to place CAO report on file, seconded by Z. Montagne, all in favor, motion carried.
6. Town of La Pointe Harbor Commission MOE: Motion by G. Carlson to table this line item until the Harbor Commission receives a response from Cal Linehan, seconded by Z. Montagne, 5 ayes 2 absent, motion carried.
7. Revenue Bond Covenant Update: G. Carlson shares that Old National Bank has recently reached out pointing out an error in the Revenue Bond Covenant. When the covenant was written, the bank accidentally took into account all of the Town’s debt. The Harbor Commission has declined Old National’s revision, and the covenant has been sent back to the firm that wrote it to be rewritten.
8. Award Bid and Approve Contract for Madeline Island Ferry Line Boat Dock and Ramp Reconstruction- Dredging and Piling: Motion by E. Erickson to award the dredging and piling portion of the 2025 HAP ramp project to Nelson Construction for \$210,849.00, seconded by G. Carlson, all in favor, motion carried.
9. Discuss Schedule of Annual Critical Tasks: Consensus that for 2027, the Harbor Commission should develop the schedule, budget then tariffs, in that order. The

Harbor Commission will begin schedule discussions by the beginning of July 2026 and budget discussions by mid-August 2026. MIFL approves and supports this timeline.

10. Approval of Bills: Motion by Z. Montagne to approve the bills for \$206,964.11, seconded by E. Erickson with discussion, all in favor, motion carried.
11. Future Agenda Items: Town of La Pointe MOE, Tariff Adjustments
12. Meeting Dates: Monday May 11th, 2026 at 9am
13. Public Comment B**: Cal Linehan shares that all went well with transporting Xcel with this most recent wind event. Things are going smoothly with the transition to the Spring expanded schedule. Cal and Rich's trip to DC was successful and a great opportunity to get in front of representatives and discuss increased funding. Glenn Carlson shares the different parties that Cal and Rich were able to meet with in DC.
14. Town of La Pointe Harbor Commission & Bayfield Harbor Commission MOU: Motion by G. Carlson to enter closed session, seconded by Z. Montagne, 6 ayes 1 absent, motion carried. Meeting in closed session at 9:45am.

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 G. Carlson to go back into open session, seconded by M. Collins, 6 ayes 1 absent, motion carried. Meeting back in open session at 10:27am.

16. Adjourn: Motion by G. Carlson to adjourn, seconded by E. Erickson, all in favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:27am.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Kisner, Interim Harbor Commission Secretary, Thursday April 23rd, 2026.

Minutes approved as presented Monday May 11th, 2026.