

# **City of Alpena Harbor Advisory Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 2, 2021**

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

Committee members present: Ed Retherford, Al Moe, Wayne Lewis, Tanner Kostelic, Don LaBarre, Jason Luther.

*Steve Wilson arrived at 4:34 p.m., Jeremy Winterstein arrived at 5:04 p.m.*

Staff present: Shannon Smolinski, Rich Sullenger, Steve Shultz, Andrea Kares

Others present: Anne Gentry (DDA) Rich McTaggart (Thunder Bay Shores Marine)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA-Motion by LaBarre, Second by Moe, Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES-FEBRUARY 2, 2021-Motion by Retherford, Second by Lewis, Motion carried.

### **HARBORMASTER'S REPORT:**

After discussion with Anne Gentry (DDA), DDA is going to try to get a bike rack or two down at the marina. As well as adding some additional hanging baskets located around the marina. There is also a possibility of painting the boards of the fish cleaning station with children as part of the community art project. A survey will be put together in the next week or so and will be distributed out to the HAC members to review and supply feedback.

### **BUSINESS:**

1. Corrective Action Plan Status Update – Cleaning, maintenance and upkeep is listed in Rich McTaggart's contract with the City. There is some signage that the City needs to address and some dock areas that will need attention. There will also be a shed that will get demoed as well as painting some lights. If a window is broke, it needs to be fixed in a reasonable manner. Sullenger added that maintenance has not been a high priority at the marina for a while and over the past few years, compliance with the contract was not

pushed. The City is trying to get things addressed and get the Marina to a spot where it needs to be and to stay that way. Docking slip rental and storage fees are currently under discussion with staff and more reporting on this will be brought to the committee.

2. a. Short Term

- Fee Schedule Review – Rates-Monthly Rates

Smolinski emailed all members this morning the rates from the DNR. The monthly rate has not been following the budget on how the rate is determined. McTaggart has a rate of \$478.00 a month that is being charged at the marina. The rate in the City's budget is based off of the transient. Rogers City rates are comparable to our rates. 30 – 35 % of the slip rental. A seasonal base rate is considered at 24 foot average and is about \$1050 for the year. Currently 62 of the docks are rented at this time. There has been quite a jump in rates this year as indicated on previous email from what is being paid right now to what rate 8 and 9 are this year. Using the average \$1050 per slip and then take the expenses out that are being paid to run the marina based off of what the City is paying out and what Rich McTaggart is paying is up over \$1200. A slight rate increase this year will be discussed at the next meeting. All committee members felt charging 35 % per month so it can get adjusted in the budget was agreeable.

b. Long Term

- Master Plan Development

Currently waiting on prices to put together a master plan for the marina. A survey will also be put together and sent out to all of the seasonal boaters to take online to gain input on what people would like to see at the marina.

3. City CIP/Budget Status

As the CIP stands everything went through and the City is currently working on the budget and pushing for as much as we can for the marina.

4. Website Review

The marina website was currently updated to showcase the community and offer a more warming and inviting atmosphere with some bright colorful pictures that people had emailed to the City. Some more pictures are expected to be submitted by committee members and possibly linking DDA's page, the library and some of the City maps to showcase more amenities.

5. Committee Applications

Two new members were welcomed and appreciated to showcase more diversity on the committee. Roll call was called to find out what kind of boat or boating experience each committee member has in order to know where to request information when needed.

Ed Retherford - Powerboat, Charter Boat Captain

Al Moe Dean- Powerboat

Wayne Lewis- Sailboat, Racing Sailboats

Steve Wilson- Sailboat, Racing Sailboats

Tanner Kostelic- Sailboat

Don LaBarre - Sailboat

Jason Luther - Sailboat

Jeremy Winterstein Powerboat, Fisherman

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

No public comment provided

**MEMBER'S COMMENTS:**

LaBarre questioned if a kayak launch there has ever been considered. Sullenger stated that there has never been any interest in adding a kayak launch at the marina but feels anything that can increase usage at the marina is a great asset. Those are the types of things that are encouraged to be mentioned for the marina's master plan. Moe has been asked about the marina's Wi-Fi. Password access to Wi-Fi is being looked at for the boaters who obtain slips. There is guest Wi-Fi now at the marina but the more people that get on it starts to limit accessibility. IT is currently checking into it and seeing how Wi-Fi can be made available.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment provided

**NEXT MEETING:** Set for April 6, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Moe, Second by Kostelic