

Minutes to be approved at the next board meeting

BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, November 10, 2015
Following the 7:00p.m.
Budgt Hearing and Special Town Meeting
at the
Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Matt Lazorik, Mike O'Bryon, Vicki Lewis-Hay, Janice Olson, Yvette Fleming MaryBeth Tillmans and Lynda Nedden-Durst.

- Board Meeting Minutes- M. O'Bryon made a motion to approve the minutes and V. Lewis Hay 2nd the motion. Approved.
- Board of Review Minutes-Y. Fleming made a motion to approve the minutes and V. Lewis Hay 2nd the motion. Approved
- Special Board Meeting Minutes(10/27/15)- Y. Fleming made a motion to approve the minutes and V. Lewis Hay 2nd the motion. Approved.
- Treasurer's Report – M. O'Bryon made a motion to approve the report and V. Lewis Hay 2nd the motion. Approved.

Old Business:

1. Logging town land Birch Hill road-Update
No update. The logging will be done next summer.
2. Easement request-underground power line on town land
An email was received from Xcel Energy. They will not be going across town land.
3. Access to break wall grant-update
Roan Salvage Construction and Arnie Nelson have looked at the project. Y. Fleming worked together with Bill Sloan and Dennis Edwards on the Coastal Management Grant. The deadline to submit it was Nov. 2nd. The board at the Special Town meeting on Oct. 27, 2015, approved to support the asking of Coastal Management for the grant with the exception that it will be withdrawn, if funds other than Town of Bell tax revenues are not secured by Dec. 31st. Y. Fleming was not at the special meeting. She explained that it was not possible to secure other funds via grants by Dec. 31st, because the submission of them is in next year's calendar. She has other grants to submit to and she will be meeting with Beth Meyers, our assembly representative to discuss funding for the project. When the project was first done in 2012, it was paid for by 87.4% state grants and 12.6% from the Corny Club and private individuals. The town did not put any money into the project. The town did say that they would do maintenance. Y. Fleming made a motion to withdraw the Dec. 31st restriction on supplemental grants to the Coastal Management grant and to allow time to research other grants and make decisions on them depending on whether the Coastal Management grant application is accepted or denied. Vote: (4-1) Yes-Y. Fleming, M. O'Bryon, Vicki Lewis Hay and Janice Olson; No: Matt Lazorik. Approved.

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New Business

1. National Marine Sanctuary Program-presentation

The presentation was done by Karin Kozie. The area around the Apostle Islands to Bark Point is being consider as a National Marine Sanctuary. An Exploratory Discussion and Q & A will be held on Monday, December 14th, 7 pm at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center.

What is a National Marine Sanctuary (NMS)?

National Marine Sanctuaries or “NMS” areas are designated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for research, education, and protection. NMS can only be designated for underwater, submerged areas within the ocean or Great Lakes waters. These are sites that contain unique ecological, cultural, aesthetic, or recreational resources of national significance. They are selected for their opportunity to advance marine science, education, and conservation. Examples of such resources include historic shipwrecks, critical underwater habitats for fish, or maritime sites of cultural importance.

Of the 14 designated areas within the NMS system, 13 are located in ocean areas. Only one site is designated on the Great Lakes. That is the Thunder Bay NMS on Lake Huron in Alpena, MI.

How does a NMS protect marine resources?

Designated Sanctuaries use a variety of tools to protect natural and cultural resources.

These include regulations to protect significant marine resources, along with education and research as conservation and protection tools. The National Marine Sanctuaries Act, along with already existing federal, state, and local legislation and regulations, provide the legal framework outlining the activities that are allowed or prohibited. Disturbance or alteration of the lakebed and disturbance of underwater cultural resources are some general NMS prohibitions.

2. Adopt 2016 Budget

M. O’Bryon made a motion to adopt the 2016 budget and V. Lewis Hay 2nd the motion.
Approved.

3. Approval of Picnic Liquor License for the Cornucopia Vol. Fire Dept.-Turkey Feed-Nov.22rd

M. O’Bryon made a motion to approve the license and V. Lewis Hay 2nd the motion.
Approved.

4. Planning Commission-review of Town ordinances

No update.

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5. Adding a covered storage area to the recycle center-discussion

Discussion was held about adding a lean to to the recycling building to cover the cardboard bales being stored. There must be 25 to 27 bales before a truck will pick them up. Y. Fleming contacted three different people about the potential project. One declined, one recommended a roof and deck and they would look at it later and the other one provided a bid for the roof only. Y. Fleming will look into getting a better price with a roof and decking.

6. Set date for the Town of Bell Caucus – Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Committee/Project Reports:

Fire Department/Ambulance-The ambulance had three runs, one was to Port Wing and two were to the Town of Bell. The Fire Dept. had two calls.

Roads-None

Planning Commission-None

Harbor Committee-None

Marina-They have worked on their mission statement. They are putting together a questionnaire about the marina amenities to see what the boaters would like and what they are willing to pay.

Parks and Lands/Green Shed-None

Community Center

Library/Notices –The library is going strong. They have a new volunteer that is a retired librarian.

Recycling Center-None

Airport-None

Cornucopia Business Association-They held their annual meeting. New officers are Susan Keachie as president, Jane Norton as secretary, Colleen O'Shanssey as V. Pres. and Sarah Norton as Treasurer.

Scenic Byways Committee-Projects will happen in the spring.

Bills were paid. At 8:40 p.m. V. Lewis Hay made a motion to adjourn the meeting and M. O'Bryon 2nd the motion. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

MaryBeth Tillmans - Clerk