

Meeting Minutes for NLMIC Cultural (and Ecological) Subcommittee

Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Conference Call

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On call: Lee Boisvert, Wes Andrews, Melissa Wiatrolik, Alvin LaFreniere, Bobbi Welke, Terri Bussey.

1. Additions or corrections to Agenda – Lee

2. Introduction of Melissa Wiatrolik – Wes

Melissa is the Deputy THIPO for the Tribe, assisting Wes. She has worked for the tribe for 13 years in a variety of positions. She will be working to fill Wes' position when he is ready to spend more time fishing.

3. Approval of Minutes from April 19, 2017 – Lee

Bobbi pointed out that the "Ecological" portion of the subcommittee name does not fit the mission of the BI Historical Society – and there has been discussion that this subcommittee become part of the BIHS if/when the NLMIC discontinues. Wes agrees that there needs to be further discussion, that there needs to be clear labeling for the public and that the BIHS has the structure and staff that needs to be involved. Lori: would 'natural history' be more applicable? Lee: How would the future be covered? **Action:** Lee and Wes will try to consider something with review by Bobbi and Lori. Alvin pointed out that the BIHS journals cover the flora and fauna, so the society covers the ecology.

Bobbi made a motion to approve the minutes, Lori seconded; these minutes were approved.

4. Beaver Island Water Trail – Pam via Lee

Harry Burkholder was on the island for 2 days this past week to visit all proposed water ways trail sites on township and state property. Harry brought two additional people including Cindy and Kendall who documented sights. A public meeting was held a week ago at the Community Center. Harry is compiling the information collected from that meeting. Cindy from Access Recreation was definitely value-added as she helped identify universally access equipment, docks, and such. We learned quite a bit about alternative equipment. Threatened & endangered species for the site requirements covered by Ed and Beth Leuck and we hit every site over 2 days including getting down to French Bay. Matt Smar from Coastal Zone Management (CZM) attended the public meeting and went on the site visits. It gave him a unique opportunity to see some of the state's beautiful land holdings. The Land Information Access Association-Harry's group was funded by a grant through (CZM). Harry indicated that LTBB input will be scheduled for each site proposed during a separate review this summer.

Next Step: A conference call with the MIDNR is being scheduled for July 17th to address these state requirements:

- 1) A legal description of the site where activities will occur, whether it be a stopover site or a campsite.
- 2) Proposed physical amenities planned for each specific site (i.e., what are we really going to do there, whether it be a simple indicator sign for a stopover site, informational kiosk, or a tent platform, fire ring, and outhouse for a campsite, etc.).
- 3) SHPO clearance for those activities at each specific site (are there any concerns that need to be addressed, and if so, how they will be addressed?).
- 4) T&E clearance for those activities at each specific site (are there any concerns that need to be addressed, and if so, how they will be addressed?).
- 5) Some indication of how the Land Use Order will be carried out (e.g., through an MOA with one of the townships).

Emerald Ash Bore Traps were set last week, Thursday and Friday.

Wes stated that the SHPO (or THPO) has not had any requirements for any sites and the DNR land policy, say for forest roads disturbances. A needed example would be a Special Conservation Areas. Ash Trees are an example of a SCA (as is sweet grass plus other important natural resources).

5. Letter from Dean Anderson – Wes
Wes received a phone call from Dean based on an ‘older’ letter – Dean was confused between cultural resource survey sponsorship and Terri’s proposed policy. He is now supportive of the survey sponsorship (subjective to proper rules, inclusion). We can continue planning for the cultural resource survey sponsorships. Pam’s work with CZM is promising. Support from BIHS is also promising.
6. Mission Statement – Lee
Lee and Pam are developing a mission statement which will be short, understandable, and powerful.
7. Archaeology Contract – Lori
Staci of the SHPO office will review the draft policy document and make suggestions.

Wes discussion with Dean Anderson – confused the two documents – 1) archaeological surveys done and 2) procedures prepared. [some notes continue within item 4] Next steps? Explore CZM. Tribe could support the Garden and High Island work, less support likely for Beaver; BIHS should be able to do this support per Bobbi and Alvin. During Museum Week a GTBB Museum Director or Assistant will be presenting so perhaps some outreach about Beaver involvement can lead to some inclusion on the part of GTBB.

8. New Island Fellow – Pam via Lee

Stefanie Burchill, visited the island mid-June and accepted the offer of a Fellowship here on Beaver Island. The position is communications oriented, and should suit Stefanie's skills and interests well. She will be arriving sometime after the 1st of September and will live on the island until the end of August 2018, unless the project is extended for a second year. Stefanie comes to us from Maine, and has education and experience in the communications and environmental writing fields. She has held a Communications Internship at Hurricane Island Center for Science and Leadership, where she taught environmental writing, assisted with hands-on science programs, and did social media work. Stefanie also has a background in photojournalism and video production with Veggies for All, a nonprofit food-bank farm in Maine. She also managed social media for the organization, and got her hands dirty in the fields planting and tending crops.

In related news, the Island Institute's Island Fellows Program recently received a national award for the Outstanding Program of the Year from the Community Development Society. This is a phenomenal program, and one which we are excited to be bringing to Beaver Island!

Housing, contracts, and other details are being worked out in the interim, and a community welcome event is planned for September. We are very excited to have the first ever Great Lakes Island Fellow right here on Beaver Island, and we look forward to working with Stefanie in the coming year who will aid us all in communicating our cultural history and more to the outside world. Alvin mentioned this is wonderful news.

9. Building Community Support for Cultural Resources Manager Position – Lee

Alvin asked Lee if the Leelanau County Historical Society will help the Subcommittee with N/S Fox Islands; they discussed someone from the N/S Fox Islands who will likely do so.

10. Five-mile zone around archipelago – Lee

Lee pointed out moving from four to five miles, would include North and South Fox Islands, which would make protection contiguous. **Action:** Wes would like to look at the Coastal Management Zone and NOAA zones to see why they chose their areas/zones, characteristics, criteria – fact-finding; perhaps some bearing for funding. Wes, Lee, and Lori would help on determining coastal zoning.

11. Landscape Planning Subcommittee – Wes

Yesterday's meeting covered the maps that were created – any modifications needed, their definitions, final purposes and goals. Does the subcommittee need to take them any further before the full collaborative? Some changes? Some feel the implementation phase can begin. Botanists for the DNR on the island for the next few months (SW corner) completing an inventory. If you meet them, chat them up, find out what they are finding. They are doing the wetland/Lake G area. The committee is at a standstill regarding their confidence to implement or not. Lee: Surprised at early May

full meeting, not allowing cutting Birch trees, they stated these trees were “not much value” – not enough left for gathering when needed. Wes: they can be added to the CSA. Did not recall an issue at the Landscape Planning Subcommittee. Lee reported hearing they were not protecting the Birch, but those are of value for protection and should be protected. She will talk to the committee, as will Wes. Lee asked, “What is ‘implementation’?” Wes: What will be done, by whom, when? Lee, “It sounds like it will happen this year.” Wes reported that the Birch on the west side do not seem healthy. Bobbi concurred, that the tops of the island Birch trees were dying.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbi Welke,
On behalf of Pam Grassmick