

Presque Isle Municipal Ordinance Committee Minutes
Wednesday, June 13, 2023, 3:00 pm
Presque Isle Community Center, Board Room

Attendees: Carl Watras, (Chairman), Bob Berdan (Secretary), Eric Benn, Tom Preston and Phil Harris. Carl Wolter, (Town liaison), Mike Brandt and Kelly Dyre were absent. Also present Peggy Johnson Wiesner, Otto Novak, Jeff Meesemann and Dave Bogan, who monitored the Zoom. On Zoom, Carol Phillips.

Call to order: Chairman Carl Watras called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Approval of minutes: After Bob Berdan announced corrections to the minutes meeting date and spelling of Otto Novak's name, Eric Benn moved and Tom Preston seconded, a motion to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2023 meeting, as corrected. All present members, save Phil Harris, who abstained, approved.

Old Business: Chair Watras opened the discussion by again briefly recapping wake ordinance drafting history in Presque Isle, and for discussion purposes, he labeled the various iterations to date, versions A - D. Chair Watras distributed Version D (with its exclusions and Oxbow carve out) bearing the date June 2023. He explained this draft to be patterned after the Ordinance in effect in Rhine Wisconsin, but with exceptions. Committee discussion followed and Chair Watras called upon and permitted meeting attendee input to facilitate the discussion. Eventually, Tom Preston moved, and Eric Benn seconded, a motion to request the Town to send version D to the Town Board for DNR review, provided the first word in 507.3 (3) iii), 507.3 (3) iv), and 507.3 (3) v) is stricken from the draft. Discussion followed with Phil Harris moving, and Tom Preston seconding an amendment to the pending motion to substitute 300 feet for the 500 feet in 507.3 (4). After additional discussion, the amendment to the motion passed with 4 members voting in support of the amendment (messrs Harris, Preston, Benn and Watras) and 1 opposed (Berdan). The original motion, as amended subsequently passed unanimously.

Chair Watras next called upon Eric Benn to share the results of the research he was asked to do at the last meeting on "permitting" as a means to further manage wakes on Presque Isle Lakes. Eric Benn delivered and discussed a 27 page handout which he distributed and summarized before Phil Harris had to excuse himself. Discussion continued following the departure. If the Town is interested, additional work will be necessary before implementation of permits.

New Business. None.

Comments from the public. Thoughtful comments about the committee action taken were permitted from the Zoom attendee, Carol Phillips.

Adjournment. The Chair asked for and received a motion and second to adjourn. Motion by Tom Preston, second by Eric Benn. Passed unanimously. Meeting ended at 5:04 pm.