
NORTH SHORE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Thursday, September 27, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

Silver Bay City Hall

Meeting Minutes

| <u>Members</u> | <u>Representing</u> | <u>Attended</u> | <u>Others Invited</u> | <u>Representing</u> | <u>Attended</u> |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Bob Fenwick | Cook County | x | John Chell | ARDC | x |
| Thomas Clifford | Lake County | | Andy Hubley | ARDC | |
| Peg Sweeney | St. Louis County | | Ben Van Tassel | ARDC | x |
| Ed Bolstad | City of Grand Marais | x | Norm Deschampe | Grand Portage | |
| Scott Johnson | City of Silver Bay | x | Matt Huddleston | Lake County | |
| Patrick Maloney | City of Beaver Bay | | Tim Nelson | Cook County | |
| Mary Rosati | City of Two Harbors | x | Mike Peloquin | Mn/DNR | |
| John Lind | Town of Silver Creek | x | Cliff Bentley | Mn/DNR | |
| Jeff Cook | Duluth Township | x | Pat Collins | Coastal Program | |
| Tim Musick | Town of Lakewood | x | | | |

I. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Call Meeting to Order. Chair Sweeney did not attend, Vice-Chair Musick called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Public comment. John Bathke spoke as a member of the Northeast Minnesota Forest Landscape Committee. Bathke encouraged the Board to review the Landscape Plan that this Committee developed regarding forestry guidelines and monitoring. John Chell noted that with current projects that are ongoing this Landscape Plan could be of great use when wetlands are addressed.

Fenwick/Johnson moved to approve an addition to the agenda of a letter from Grand Marais regarding a zoning issue. Unanimous support; motion carried.

Approval of Agenda. Bolstad/Lind moved to approve the September 27th agenda. Unanimous support; motion carried.

Approval of July 26th, 2007 meeting minutes. Cook/Bolstad moved to approve the July 26, 2007 meeting minutes as recorded. Unanimous support; motion carried.

Correspondence. The Board was provided with a list of correspondence that had been received since the July 26th meeting. The Board discussed the problem of buildings being constructed without permits and that there is a concern that permits are being foregone to avoid the regulations.

II. IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

NSMB Staff gave a brief summary implementation of the NSMP Update. Staff noted that there has not been significant progress in implementing the plan in the last year. The board discussed the need for compliance with the NSMP Update.

Fenwick/Bolstad moved to send a letter to the entities that have not fully implemented the NSMP Update Standards into their ordinances, asking them to inform the NSMB of their status and timeline for becoming compliant. Unanimous support; motion carried.

The NSMB Staff also acknowledged that the Board is not currently receiving all hearing and zoning change notices from all the entities. These are helpful in overseeing changes along the North Shore.

Johnson/Cook moved to send a letter to the entities that are currently not forwarding notices of hearings and zoning related decisions to the NSMB, asking them to do so. Unanimous support; motion carried.

The NSMB was provided with a summary of the DNR's Alternative Shoreland Standards. The DNR has asked the Board to review these standards. The Board agreed that a presentation by a DNR official would be beneficial.

III. NSMB Relevance Review Update

The NSMB discussed how this review of the relevancy of the NSMB will be important. The role of the NSMB is increasing in importance and the direction needs to be determined. It was also discussed that a recommitment from the entities represented on the Board may be necessary in the future.

IV. PRIORITY PROJECTS

NSMB Staff reviewed the North Shore GIS Assessment scope of work. NSMB Staff stated that the Coastal Program has not contacted staff regarding the status of the STAR grant that was applied for. When a decision is made on this grant, staff will begin work on the GIS Assessment. John Chell noted that this project may fit in nicely with other GIS efforts currently occurring along the North Shore.

The NSMB also reviewed the scope of work for the Erosion Hazard Area Planning Process. It was noted that in the future more stringent federal requirements may be put into place, whereas this project would become very relevant.

V. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

NSMB Staff reached eight previous members of this committee to help reinvigorate the group. These previous members will serve for the remainder of this year (through June 2008). At that point the NSMB will decide the future role of the Committee, and appoint new members to keep the Committee fresh and continue to be well represented. The Board was provided with the following list of potential members; Al Katz, Art Hedstrom, Mary Ann Sironen, Le Lind, JoEllen Hurr, John Bathke, John Eaton, and Glenn Maxham.

Fenwick/Bolstad moved to accept the current list of members, with the possibility of an additional representative is added if desired, to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee for this Fiscal Year and new members will be reappointed afterward. Unanimous support; motion carried.

VI. 2008 LCCMR GRANT PROPOSAL

The NSMB Staff presented a Grant Proposal that would involve the review of oblique photographs that were taken of the Shoreline of Lake Superior in 2002 and in 2007. The proposal is to assess development along the shore and see what changes have taken place over in the five year span. This project if funded would provide valuable insight into the NSMB future efforts.

Bolstad/Lind moved to pass a Resolution of Support to send a Grant Proposal to LCCMR. Unanimous Support; motion carried.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

The NSMB received correspondence from the City of Grand Marais regarding a possible zoning change that is within the NSMB boundaries. The NSMB would like to learn more about the subject before making a recommendation or taking a position on a possible zoning change.

VIII. MEETING SCHEDULING

The next meeting is set for: **November 29th, 2007** and will be held in the Two Harbors area. At this time, the Board will further discuss the Grand Marais correspondence and the NSMB role in appointing citizens to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Lind/Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm. Unanimous support; motion carried.

Recording Secretary
Ben VanTassel