



DIANA LAPHAM – CHAIR,  
ZACK FERRIN – VICE CHAIR,  
ROB GOLDBERG,  
NIKOLAS LACROIX,  
JUSTIN MITMAN  
DON TURNER, JR.  
JERRY LAPP

Haines Borough  
Planning Commission SPECIAL Meeting  
April 7, 2022  
MINUTES

**Adopted**

1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** - Lapham called the meeting to order at **6:30 p.m.** in assembly chambers and led the pledge to the flag.
2. **ROLL CALL:** - **Present:** Diana Lapham Chair; Don Turner Jr.; Rob Goldberg; Jerry Lapp; Zack Ferrin; and Justin Mitman, Nik LaCroix

**STAFF PRESENT:** Alekka Fullerton, Borough Clerk; Dave Long, Borough Planner; Douglas Olerud, Mayor, Annette Kreitzer, Borough Manager, Ed Coffland, Public Facilities Director, Shawn Bell, Harbormaster, Caitlin Kirby/Assembly Liaison, Carolann Wooton, Contracts and Grants Administrator.

**OTHERS PHYSICALLY PRESENT:** Max Graham/CVN, Thom Ely, Richard Buck, Cindy Jones, Edith Von Stauffenberg, Zephyr Sincerny, Andrew Letchworth, and Dominic Sines.

**OTHERS PRESENT ON ZOOM:** Stacie Evans, Anne Boyce, Tyler Huling, Don Poling, Sandy Barclay, Ellen, Renaldo Esp, Torrey, Ann Myren, Karen Garcia, Sabrina Stickler, Sarah Bell, John Daley/R&M, Jessie Morgan, Patty Kermoian, Clay Frick, Shannon Donahue, Lylith, Eric Holle, Liz, Jessica Plachta, Brook Cinocco, Richard Clement, Garrett Gladsjo, Andy Hedden, Debra Schnabel, Justin Hotch, Mark, Jeremy, Helen, Greg's phone, Hannah, The Longs, Ron Jackson, Liz Heywood, Erika, HEDC, Donnie, Cea, Hannah B., Jan Mohan, Donnas Ipad, Lori Smith and others.

3. **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA:**

**Motion:** Ferrin moved (Turner seconded), to “approve the special meeting agenda,” and the motion passed unanimously.

4. **MANAGER COMMENTS:** Manager Kreitzer gave history and background on the project, followed by a presentation by Shawn Bell, Harbormaster. The Chair then opened up commissioner questions for the Manager.

**R Goldberg** – asked if this project Phase 3 was about an ore mine, **Kreitzer** answered no

**Z Ferrin** asked about capacity of elevated ramp

**R Goldberg** asked if the ramp was floating or fixed. Answer is fixed.

**N LaCroix** asked if two barges could tie up with Phases 1 and 2 only, Answer is no.

**Z Ferrin** asked if there would be dredging required – answer is unknown at this time

5. **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:**

A. Lutak Dock Design Plans Phases I – III R & M Consultants, Inc dated 2-2022

The following members of the public provided testimony for the public hearing:

**R. Jackson, Anne Boyce, S. Donahue, Ann Myren, Stacie Evans, Erika, Jessica Plachta, R. Buck,**

*T. Ely -spoke against taking action on Phase 3 at this meeting.*

*C. Jones - spoke in favor of Phase 3 inclusion*

*E Coffland - Phase 3 will get us back to what we had before dock failure*

*A. Letchworth – Apologized for any improper process in PHAC meeting*

*D Olerud – background, responded to suddenness, apologized for PHAC meeting*

*J. Daley – R&M Engineering – Phase 3 did not consider mining, Phase 3 not well suited for mining*

*Hearing nothing further, the Chair closed the public hearing and return the matter to the Commissioners for further action.*

#### **COMMISSION DISCUSSION:**

*D. Turner – dock failed, Roro installed, roro failed, no backup in phase 1 and 2, not about the mine*

*Z Ferrin – dock failed 15 years ago, rebuild before costs rise higher*

*R Goldberg – understands concerns, not about the mine*

*J Lapp – favors combining phases, comp. plan addressed dock replacement in 2012*

*J Mitman – supports Phase 1-3*

*N LaCroix – not supporting b/c PHAC mtg, other than groceries, what freight t can we move?*

*R Goldberg – we can ship processed fish products*

**Motion:** *Lapp moved (Turner seconded) to “approve the combined three phase plans of the conceptual design as represented on the Lutak Dock R & M Consultants, Inc. 2/2022 design documents and bring back the plans at the 35% design level,”;*

*Discussion: Lapp – This plan save money, its timely to get funding and the motion passed 6-1 with N. LaCroix opposed.*

#### **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*J. Plachta – community only supports phases 1 and 2, Yukon mines are behind this*

*A. Kreitzer – refuted Plachta allegations*

*S. Donahue – disappointed, PHAC meeting should have been rescheduled*

*A Letchworth – it was he who had the contact with the Yukon, not the borough*

*Dominique Signs(sp) – disappointed in decision*

*T Ely – too short of a discussion , wants advisory vote*

*R Buck – supports Phases 1 and 2 only*

*C Kirby – Assembly liaison, supports this plan for redundancy*

*C Jones – supports project, thanks Planning Commission*

**7. COMMISSION COMMENTS:**

*R Goldberg- spoke about trust, he trust the borough information*

*D Turner – We are representing the majority of citizens, had heard support from people*

*J Lapp - some comments were despairing, this is about fixing the dock*

*D Lapham – represents entire community, takes the PC seriously*

**8. ADJORNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.