

**Town of La Pointe
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
Tuesday, December 14, 2021
1:00 pm at Town Hall/Zoom
Minutes**

Members present: Katie Sanders; Chair, Mark Pass, Jim Peters, Ken Myhre, Tom Kromroy and Gloria Fennell
Members absent: Charlie Bertel and Lauren Schuppe
Staff present: Michael Kuchta, Town Administrator
Public present: Jane Vogt

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) meeting was called to order by Katie Sanders, Chair on Tuesday, December 14, 2021.

2. Public Comment

None

3. Minutes of the following meetings to be considered for approval:

A. November 16, 2021

Motion by Jim to approve the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee minutes of November 16, 2021 as presented, second by Mark, all ayes. Motion Carried.

4. Reports from committee members:

A. Chequamegon Bay Regional Housing

Michael reported the final product has not been finalized.

B. Potential parcels on island

- Mark investigated a parcel on Rice Street, the owner is not interested in selling.
- Tom reported the owner of the parcel on Voyageur is not willing to donate at this time.
- Discussion on vacant land owned by the Town of La Pointe, with initial preference for parcel on Sunny Slope.

C. Ashland County

- Katie reported that Ashland County is not willing to sell their vacant parcel or existing structure.
- Talk of a possible subcommittee to investigate further.

D. Related research

5. Discuss committee ideas and priorities:

A. WHEDA pilot project

- Michael reported this project has been delayed until March.

B. Developing affordable housing on island

- Gloria and Katie will survey year-round employees on housing needs.
- Tom and Jane will investigate financing and cost projections.
- Jane and Mark will investigate land trusts.
- Katie will draft an article for the Gazette on what the committee is working on and send to committee for review.

C. Comprehensive Plan

Michael reported the Town Board will be appointing members to a Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee tonight.

6. Recommendations to Town Board

Motion by Katie to ask the Town Board to make sure the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee:

- commits to affordable housing by supporting map changes, land donations and other mechanisms to make it possible to build affordable housing on the island and
 - utilizes the expertise of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee in doing so.
- Second by Tom, all ayes. Motion Carried.

7. Public Comment

None

8. Set Next Meeting Agenda and Date

Meetings will be scheduled on the 2nd Tuesday of the month until further notice.
Tuesday, January 11, 2022 @ 1pm at Town Hall/Zoom

Agenda items: Employee Survey, Financing, Comprehensive Plan, Chequamegon Bay Regional Housing, potential parcels

9. Adjourn

Motion by Ken to adjourn, second by Jim, all ayes. Motion Carried

Minutes taken from recorder and respectfully submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant
Minutes approved as presented January 11, 2022. Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant