

**Town of La Pointe  
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee  
Thursday, January 27, 2022  
4:00 pm at Town Hall/Zoom  
Minutes**

Members present: Dan Bartholomay, Charlie Brummer, Sarah Caruso, Michael Collins, Alex Nelson, Sally North, Jane Vogt

Members absent:

Staff present: Michael Kuchta, Town Administrator

Public present: Town Plan Commission: Paul Wilharm  
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee: Katie Sanders, Lauren Schuppe and Jim Peters (also Town Plan Commission)

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m. by Alex Nelson, Chair.

**2. Public Comment**

None

**3. Minutes of the following Steering Committee meeting to be considered for approval:**

**A. January 13, 2022**

Motion by Sarah to approve the minutes of January 13, 2022, as presented, seconded by Dan, all ayes. Motion Carried.

**4. Introduction: Committee Members (Michael Collins, Sally North)**

Michael C and Sally gave a more in-depth overview of their background. Sarah and Charlie will present at the next meeting.

**5. Discussion of Purpose/Objective/Process Statement**

- Alex and Dan put together this starting point for meeting structure for the current conditions assessment.
- Alex and Dan will draft a more detailed timeline for the committee.
- Discussion on coordinating a survey with other local organizations who are also planning to survey the island community; Sarah will talk with Fritz Grutzner

**6. Discussion of Housing (Goal 1), Land Use (Goal 9)**

- Michael K gave an overview of what the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) is doing in terms of workforce housing for year-round residents. AHAC members talked about their thoughts and what they are working on; includes preparation for WHEDA pilot project in Chequamegon Bay region. AHAC asked to submit formal report to help this committee understand the current housing conditions.

- General thoughts on current Housing, Land Use goals: vague list of wishes, virtues and statements of what would be nice; hard to measure; too many objectives and policies, few defined or specific actions; topics are in silos
- General thoughts on what is needed: solutions that identify needs and recommend specific action steps and timelines; set of proposals that recognize connections among goals, bundle them as a system; policies that are measurable/accountable; utilize wisdom of affinity groups
- General thoughts on affordable housing: think outside the box (eminent domain, tax abatement?); recognize need for complex funding streams and partnerships among public, private, nonprofit sources; be aware of unintended consequences; balance development/preservation, ownership/rental, year-round/seasonal; need a lifecycle continuum if we want a diverse community; what zoning needs to be tweaked?

**7. Recommendations to Town Board**

None

**8. Set next meeting and agenda**

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2022 @ 4pm

Agenda to include Transportation and Economic Development Goals, affinity groups, draft timeline. Michael C will invite business people to give their input on Economic Development.

**9. Adjourn**

Motion by Sally to adjourn, seconded by Jane, all ayes. Motion Carried 5:33 p.m.

Minutes taken from recording and submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant  
 Minutes approved as presented February 10, 2022.