

**Town of La Pointe
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
Tuesday, February 8, 2022
1:00 pm at Town Hall/Zoom
Minutes**

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

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) meeting was called to order by Katie Sanders, Chair.

2. Public Comment

None

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

A. January 11, 2022

Motion by Jane to approve the AHAC minutes of January 11, 2022, as presented, second by Charlie, all ayes. Motion Carried.

4. Ashland County Housing Authority – Denise Lutz

- Denise:
 - Gave an overview of their 2 properties on the island and answered questions regarding eligibility, maintenance, and funding resources. There are 4-5 island residents on the housing waiting list.
 - Gave advice on state, federal and private sources for potential funding.
 - Asked the Town to spread the word about weatherization, rehabilitation, and other programs available through the housing authority.
- Katie will send year-round employee survey to Denise to distribute to those island residents on the housing waitlist.

5. Reports from committee members:

A. Potential parcels on island

B. Year-round Employee Survey

Katie reported the surveys are coming along very slowly.

C. Land Trusts

D. Financing and Cost Projections

6. Discuss committee ideas and priorities:

A. WHEDA pilot project – does committee want to be on pilot project

Discussion on having a representative continue to attend planning meetings to gather information.

B. Grant update/vote

Katie reported that she applied for a grant from the Apostle Island Community Funds for \$2,000 to be used for planning purposes.

Motion by Charlie to approve Apostle Island Community Fund grant application to be used for consultants and other needs, seconded by Mark, all ayes. Motion Carried.

C. Cheq Bay Housing Kellie Pedersen presentation in conjunction with Town Board

- Discussion on having a workshop with the Town Board to define committee goals/mission.
- Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee is looking for a presentation from this committee in March.
- Consensus to have Michael set up a workshop with the Town Board to include a presentation from Kellie Pederson from Cheq Bay Housing the end of March or early April.

D. Outreach to local planner/builders

Consensus that this is premature.

E. Set meeting date for project structure workshop

- Consensus to work on this at the next regular meeting.
- Michael will reach out to the steering committee's Dan Bartholomay to facilitate this workshop.
- Committee members to have their ideas outlined and sent to other members for review by Fri. 2/25/22.

7. Recommendations to Town Board

Michael will recommend a workshop with this committee on 3/30/22.

8. Public Comment

None

9. Set Next Meeting Agenda and Date

Tuesday, March 1, 2022, 1pm at Town Hall/Zoom

10. Adjourn

Motion by Ken to adjourn, seconded by Lauren, all ayes. Motion Carried

Minutes taken from recorder and respectfully submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant
Minutes approved as presented March 1, 2022.