

TOWN OF LA POINTE
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY MARCH 30, 2022
5:00pm at the Emergency Services Building
Approved Minutes

Town Board Members Present: Chair Glenn Carlson, Supervisor Michael Anderson, Supervisor Aimée Baxter, Supervisor Sue Brenna, Supervisor John Carlson

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Kuchta, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne

Public Present: Kellie Pederson of UW Extension Rural Housing, many Affordable Housing Advisory Committee members including Chair Katie Sanders, as well as many members of the public both in person and on Zoom.

Called to Order: 5:00pm

1. Public Comment: None (there will be a second public comment allowed after the presentation).
2. Town Board Planning and Education Meeting/ Workshop
 - A. Presentation and Workshop with the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee:

Kellie Pederson from UW Extension gave a presentation on the results from a Regional Housing Study including area and local information.

Following the UW presentation, Katie Sanders, Chair of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, presented more specifics and statistics for La Pointe. There were also some personal stories shared about the difficulty finding housing on the Island. Much of the housing need is for the workforce population. The committee's immediate steps are to gather more data, participate in the WHEDA pilot project, identify existing buildings that could be used for affordable housing, help preserve existing housing on the Island and help develop/ pursue additional housing or projects. Long term ideas and solutions include building new housing, identify land that can be acquired for new rentals/ ownership options, build financing and management partnerships with public, private, nonprofit organizations and individuals, and exploring a La Pointe Community Land Trust so housing can remain affordable into the future.

Additional Public Comment:

Jim Peters shares information on Mackinac Island and their successful housing endeavors. Marie Iannazzo shared her personal story as well as six other individual stories on difficulties finding housing year-round. Other comments on how important this subject is to keep money in the community, the impact on the workforce and employers, and to maintain a healthy community.

3. Adjourn: A thank you to all participants. Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as submitted April 12, 2022. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.