

**Town of La Pointe
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
Thursday September 22, 2022
4 p.m. at Town Hall/Zoom
Minutes**

Members present: Alex Nelson, Chair; Dan Bartholomay, Vice Chair, Charley Brummer,
Jane Vogt, Michael Collins and Sarah Caruso
Members absent: Sally North
Staff present: Michael Kuchta, Town Administrator

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Alex Nelson, Chair.

2. Public Comment #1

None

3. Minutes to be considered for approval:

A. September 8, 2022

Motion by Michael C to approve above minutes, seconded by Charley, all ayes.
Motion Carried.

4. Community Outreach Updates

Dan, Sally and Marie Iannazzo meet Saturday to finalize structure for Monday's forum. 70 workers responded to the online questionnaire. Other committee members are welcome to help out. Michael will make sure the Town Clerk posts a notice about potential quorum, though no business will be conducted. Dan will facilitate, summarize the outcomes, and forward to Northland.

5. Update on Survey & Forum Findings (Northland)

Northland gave an overview of the survey and forum data, including analysis, themes, key takeaways and next steps.

- Dominant values include natural environment, unique sense of place, community, self-sufficiency, and overall quality of life.
- Categories discussed: housing, business activities and services, community and cultural life, sustainability and resiliency, land use, transportation, civic engagement, and governance
- Collective responsibilities for Plan development include: plan for resilience and adaptation to climate change; taking a holistic approach to transportation, land use, housing, and economic development topics; smart public investment strategies; diversify transportation options; and use the community planning process as an educational opportunity about the purpose of planning, including explanations and rationales for proposed actions.
- Proposed committee responsibilities include: developing vision framework, obtaining more data from and about renters, more education about housing needs

and opportunities, engaging younger full-time residents, developing a list of underutilized assets on the island, truth-testing property tax complaints, sharing additional data with Northland by mid-November.

- Where Northland will go from here: research assistants will produce a written summary of this presentation, students will conduct research on comparable communities and best practices based on goals in vision framework (specifically rural affordable housing, transportation, economic development, climate action planning and sustainable agriculture).

General discussion on presentation, including overall differences between year-round vs. seasonal residents, and shoreline erosion.

Northland will e-mail presentation to the committee for their reference. Committee questions should be directed to Michael K by Thur. 9/29, which he will forward to Northland.

6. Public Comment #2

None

7. Set next meeting and agenda

Next regular meeting scheduled for 10/6/22 at 4pm. This is an additional meeting. Topics include: clarification about committee, Northland responsibilities.

Alex will be unavailable for some meetings in late October, early November.

8. Adjourn

Motion by Dan to adjourn, seconded by Charley, all ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes taken from recording and submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant
Minutes approved as presented 10/6/2022.