

**Town of La Pointe
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
Tuesday October 11, 2022
1:00 pm at Town Hall/Zoom
Minutes**

Members present: Katie Sanders (chair), Mark Pass, Marie Iannazzo, Rachel Rosen, Robert Kramer and Jane Vogt
Members absent: Charlie Bertel, Jim Peters, Ken Myhre, Lisa Sill, Lauren Schuppe and Cedar Schimke
Staff present: Michael Kuchta, Town Administrator

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

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

Katie stated there is not a quorum, agenda items can be discussed but no action can be taken or recommendations made.

2. Public Comment

Michael stated this is the opportunity for committee members to say something that is not on the agenda.

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

A. September 13, 2022

B. September 26, 2022

No action

4. TPC Request regarding long term rental fees

- Michael explained the TPC (Town Plan Commission) has proposed for the 2023 budget to have a \$25 annual rental permit fee for long term rentals (rentals over 30 days). The Zoning ordinance requires a permit for all rentals but there is no record of any permits actually being required in the past. The TPC is looking for a recommendation from this committee.
- Possible benefits could be health department inspections and a rental database.
- Lengthy discussion, with a wide range of opinions. There was general agreement that inspections are needed and should be included; some advocated that fees be set as low as possible (only enough to cover inspections); others advocated that fees be as high as \$75, with additional revenue steered to affordable housing purposes.

5. Reports & Updates:

A. Discussion of RFP award

Michael reported we have a contract with Maxfield Research. He is waiting to hear from them on dates they can come to meet with the committee and start the research.

1. Next stopes to consider/Grant application

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Katie will be applying for a grant from the Island Association to help cover costs for the needs assessment.

B. WHEDA update

Michael reported the project has been delayed due to change in consultants. Action workshops are scheduled for Nov. and Dec., with the goal to present pilot project ideas to Madison in January.

C. Grant updates

Katie reported the Town Board approved the \$4,000 in grants from the Grutzner and Michael funds, through the Apostle Islands & Chequamegon Bay Area Community Funds.

D. Property updates

No updates

E. Partnership updates-additional committee members (s)

Katie stated that Gwen Smith Patterson has applied to be on this committee, and she will be recommending the Town Board appoint her.

F. Comprehensive Plan

Michael reported the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee (CPSC) is beginning to frame a plan outline using feedback received from Northland College's analysis of the community survey. The CPSC plans to do additional community forums once a draft outline has been created.

6. 2023 Budget discussion/recommendation to Town Board

Budget meeting with Town Board on Thursday October 20 @ 5:15 pm Town Hall

- Katie encouraged committee members to attend.
- Michael gave a quick overview of the committee's budget: started with \$14,700 (mostly from ARPA grant installment), spent \$2,500 on wetlands assessment, received \$4,500 grant in spring and another \$4,000 this fall, will need \$13,840 for Maxfield report, leaves a balance of approx. \$6,800 which will be put into a designated fund to roll over into next year.
- Consensus to ask for \$10,000 with the expectation it will be needed to talk with a developer after the needs assessment is done.

7. Recommendations to Town Board

8. Public Comment

None

6. Set Next Meeting Agenda and Date

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday November 15, 2022, 1 pm at Town Hall/Zoom

7. Adjourn

Minutes taken from recording and submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant
Minutes approved as presented 11/22/22