

**Town of La Pointe  
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee  
Thursday January 5, 2023  
4 pm at Town Hall/Zoom  
Minutes**

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

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

Meeting called to order by Alex Nelson.

**2. Public Comment #1**

None

**3. Minutes to be considered for approval:**

**A. December 29, 2022**

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

Motion carried.

**4. Draft of plan content and responsibilities**

Discussion on additional research/data needed from Northland to support action steps.

Consensus to have Northland provide the following research/data –

- High Quality of Life
  - Rural health/mental health/aging services - inventory of current services available and possible new services.
  - Year-round availability of goods/services - threshold research on minimum metrics required to support businesses/services residents want.
  - Childcare – threshold research on needs and metrics required to operate licensed childcare.
- Economic Vitality
  - Bicycle infrastructure – expand on initial research of needs, infrastructure, costs/benefits and potential funding.
- Partnerships
  - Ashland County Services – identify social and other services offered that could/should be available on the island.
  - Bayfield School District – data/demographics and summary of new strategic plan.
- Community Resources and Sustainability
  - Island Roundtable – examples of successful public-private partnerships.
  - Qualitative comments surrounding survey data showing 1/3 of residents thinking of leaving.

- Food networks – inventory existing providers on island and surrounding counties focusing on missing pieces and possible collaborative partnerships.
- Other plan requirements
  - Current and future conditions/trends required by state

Michael, Alex and Dan will meet with Northland College tomorrow at 10am to present topics discussed today.

**5. Public Comment #2**

None

**6. Set next meeting and agenda**

Next regular meeting scheduled for 1/12/23 at 4 pm

Agenda – debrief from Northland meeting

**7. Adjourn**

Motion by Michael to adjourn, seconded by Jane, all ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes taken from recording and submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant

Minutes approved as presented January 12, 2023. Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant