

**Town of La Pointe
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
Thursday December 29, 2022
4 pm at Town Hall/Zoom
Minutes**

Members present: Alex Nelson (Chair), Charley Brummer, Jane Vogt, Michael Collins, Sally North, Dan Bartholomay and Sarah Caruso
Staff present: Michael Kuchta, Town Administrator
Public present: Nicole Foster, Northland College
Brian Tochtermann, Northland College
Bridget Dempsey, Northland College

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Alex Nelson.

2. Minutes to be considered for approval:

A. December 8, 2022

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

3. Public Comment #1

None

4. Workshop w/ TB & TPC recap

Overall feeling was the workshop was well-received. Good discussion and feedback received, including importance of island school, transportation on the island (not just to and from the island), farming, and attracting families with children to the island. Both the TB and TPC were OK with the idea of extending our timeline to take advantage of Northland's second semester class.

5. Presentation from Northland

Nicole gave presentations prepared by students on: Charter Schools, Healthy Communities, Local Food Systems, and Sustainable Tourism.

- Charter Schools: advantages and challenges were presented, though research tends not to focus on rural communities. Overall student feeling was to stay with Bayfield School District. Presentation included suggestions on next steps.
- Healthy Communities: Research looked at built environment, active transportation, expanding rural health-care access, and improving social infrastructure and programming.
- Local Food Systems: High survey support. Research focused on Food Hub concept and ideas to increase availability and production. Nicole noted a cooperative food feasibility study grant is available from the WI Office of Rural Prosperity.

- Sustainable Tourism: Ideas presented include green tourism (Travel Green WI), low-impact tourism, sustainable winter and shoulder season tourism, agri-tourism, and cultural and indigenous tourism.

6. Next phase timeline

Michael K had e-mailed a proposed timeline revision. Brian is looking for direction from the committee on what topics/projects to expand on and research, as well as what areas on the plan they should work on. Committee will meet to digest presentation and contemplate next steps. Nicole will e-mail presentation to the committee the beginning next week.

7. Public Comment #2

None

8. Set next meeting and agenda

Next regular meeting scheduled for 1/5/23 at 4 pm
Agenda – planning writing of Plan draft

10. Adjourn

Motion by Dan to adjourn, seconded by Michael C, all ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes taken from recording and submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant
Minutes approved as presented 1/5/23. Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant