

**Town of La Pointe
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
Thursday March 23, 2023
4 pm at Town Hall/Zoom
Minutes**

Members present: Alex Nelson (Chair), Charley Brummer, Jane Vogt, Michael Collins, Dan Bartholomay, Sarah Caruso and Sally North
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. March 9, 2023

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

4. Public Hearing Update

- Michael K reported the Town Plan Commission (TPC) has cancelled the 3/29/23 public hearing, they will reschedule once we have a plan as to when the draft plan can be completed.
- Public outreach will take place after final date is set.

5. Northland Students' additional work

Michael K reported Northland has 2 students who are available to do additional research (following the guidelines from Michael K) on healthcare and food/grocery. No definitive date on when this will be completed, possibly the end of this month.

Michael also noted the students will be showcasing the work they did for us at Honors Day on April 13th if anyone is interested.

6. Initial draft work discussion

- Michael K provided a draft framework.
- Discussion on how to place/identify goals in overall plan.
- Individual topics discussed with general consensus were: junk; role of campers on the island; business activities outside commercial core; uniform, comprehensive enforcement of the zoning ordinances and related ordinances; access to natural environment; wetlands protection in zoning ordinances; density in zoning ordinance; island roundtable; educate property owners about zoning; balanced tourism; and appearance, diversity, reliability, and customer-relations skill of businesses in commercial core.

- In-depth discussion on these topics:
 - Island Roundtable – needs refinement, especially on set up of task force and hand-off of responsibilities. Dan, Sarah and Jane will provide further research and work for the next meeting.
 - Attraction/retention – fundamentally comes down to ability to attract/retain families; measurement could be worked into every chapter.
 - Balanced tourism –important to distinguish between number of “wallets” and number of “visitors”; need to emphasize impact on workers and businesses operators.
- The remaining topics will be discussed next week.

7. Public Comment #2

None

8. Set next meeting and agenda

Next meeting scheduled for 3/30/23 at 4 pm, April meetings are 4/13 & 4/27.

Agenda: Island Roundtable, remaining topics, what form (how many updates) of the draft will be handed off to the Town Plan Commission.

9. 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 3/30/23. Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant