

**Town of La Pointe
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
Thursday April 20, 2023
2 pm at Town Hall/Zoom
Minutes**

Members present: Alex Nelson (Chair), Charley Brummer, Michael Collins, Jane Vogt and Sally North (left at 3pm)
Members absent: Dan Bartholomay and 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. April 13, 2023. Motion by Michael C to approve minutes, seconded by Jane, all ayes. Motion carried.

4. Draft work discussion

Topics discussed included: Narratives for Ashland County services, natural beauty and resources, wetland protection (need to add DNR's role), density and zoning ordinance, business activity outside commercial core, uniform enforcement of zoning and other ordinances (need to clarify staff can self-initiate compliance action without written complaint), zoning ordinance education (need to clarify staff can self-initiate compliance action without written complaint), retention (need to add Town responsibility for share of property taxes), food access (need to raise priority and urgency), balance tourism, first impressions, and current conditions.

5. Draft additions/finalization

Topics not yet in draft: use of public space (Michael K), grant proposal writer position (Jane) and regenerative statement (Alex & Sarah).

Lengthy discussion on the island collaborative. Sense that current language defines a solution without defining the problem; that Plan needs to recommend a more-fluid and less-formal approach; that language needs to emphasize goals of making Plan a living document, of connecting things that are not now connected, of creating leadership opportunities, of creating narrowly focused action groups supported by sustainable framework; and of providing capacity for community-wide actions.

6. Public Comment #2 - None

7. Set next meeting and agenda

Next regular meeting scheduled for 4/27/23 at 4 pm.

Agenda; update on draft topics, island collaborative, Northland's role in design/printing.

8. Adjourn

Motion by Charley 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 4/27/23. D. Goetsch, Clerical Assistant