

**Town of La Pointe
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
Tuesday February 14, 2023
1:00 pm at Town Hall/Zoom
Minutes**

Members present: Katie Sanders (Chair), Marie Iannazzo, Robert Kramer, Jane Vogt, Charlie Bertel, Jim Peters, Ken Myhre, Gwen Smith Patterson, Rachel Rosen, Mark Pass

Members absent: Lauren Schuppe

Members on leave of absence: Lisa Sill and Cedar Schimke

Staff present: Michael Kuchta, Town Administrator

Public present: Mary Bujold, Maxfield Research
Lilah Guertin

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Katie Sanders.

2. Public Comment

None

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

A. December 13, 2022

Motion by Charlie to approve the minutes, seconded by Robert, all ayes.

Motion Carried.

4. Reports & Updates:

A. Maxfield – preliminary data on housing – Guest Mary Bujold

Mary gave a presentation on her preliminary findings; she still has to determine demand, product types and specific actionable items. Topics discussed: population data, household demographics, housing costs, survey/focus group findings. Mary hopes to have the final draft report to the committee next week, with the final report due 3/31.

B. Update/reactivate resources list/database (Marie, Jane & Lauren)

Jane reported that she, Marie and Lauren have discussed this; Lauren thought it would be best to put the data on the Madeline Island Library website. Money has been offered to create a searchable format, but they have not pursued finding anyone to do the work.

C. Update Land Trust

Charlie has not looked any further. There might not be a need if Cinnaire would do a cluster development based on Maxfield's research.

D. Update zoning – Jim

Jim reported that the Town Plan Commission is currently revising the rental ordinance (long and short term). They are waiting on the Maxfield Research report as well as recommendations from the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee to see if any other changes are needed to the Zoning Ordinance.

Michael stated the current draft is being reviewed by the Town's attorney and includes some density changes as well as new short-term rental rules. There is a public hearing set for March 15.

E. Grant from Island Association

Katie reported that we received a \$4,000 matching grant from the Island Association to help in paying for research.

F. WHEDA update

Michael reported the Chequamegon Bay group made a formal presentation to WHEDA with 3 proposed pilot projects including:

- Hire a consultant to take a comprehensive look at zoning requirements region-wide, including barriers to affordable housing.
- Challenging WHEDA to make financing for workforce housing a priority, including creating a new financing tool that is not currently available.
- Buy Out Buy In project, which focuses on people who want to downsize their homes where they could get tax advantages by donating to this program. The homes could then be revamped into affordable housing.

They are expecting a response to these proposals from WHEDA next month. Michael will send the slide deck to committee members.

5. Recommendations to Town Board

None

6. Public Comment

None

7. Set Next Meeting Agenda and Date

Next regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday 3/14/2023, 1 pm at Town Hall/Zoom
Katie may schedule an earlier meeting if a full report from Maxfield is received.

8. Adjourn

Motion by Mark to adjourn, seconded by Jim, all ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes taken from recording and submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant
Minutes approved as presented 3/14/23. D. Goetsch, Clerical Assistant