Town of La Pointe
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
Thursday May 11, 2023
4 pm at Town Hall/Zoom
Minutes

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

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 27, 2023.
                Motion by Dan to approve minutes, seconded by Michael C, all ayes. Motion
                carried.

4.   **Town Board Chair Glenn Carlson**
        • Glenn reported that the Town Board approved the committee's request for an
          extension until 9/30/23 and thanked them for their work.
        • Glenn gave suggestions/recommendations including: putting topics into needs vs.
          wants buckets. He identified 3 needs; access and egress, maintaining the island's
          rural environment and heritage, and reducing barriers for young working families.
          Also suggested reaching out early to groups that may not agree with Plan's goals.
        • He then suggested the wants go to an island roundtable/collaborative that would
          be charted by the Town; they would then make recommendations to the Town
          Plan Commission.
        • General discussion on committee members reactions/understanding of what Glenn
          said.

5.   **Discuss Draft additions/finalization**
        General discussion on timeline and communication plan.
                A. Public Space
                No draft for discussion
                B. Proposal Writer
                Discussion on a draft prepared by Jane. Consensus that this is a high priority.
                C. Collaborative
                Discussion on tension of where Plan's task ends and community's begins, how to
                identify collaborative's scope and boundaries. Goals are to create a "tray" of
                opportunities rather than a "small plate," to create frameworks to discuss rather
                than dictates to follow, to bring ideas to light that reflect community's concerns

regardless of pushback, to allow the collaborative the fluidity to dig deeper into controversial areas as it sees fit.

D. Anishinaabe Statement
Consensus that the original language needs to be refined and that, as the draft comes together, a place to put this statement will present itself.

6.   **Draft work discussion**
Topics discussed included: community websites (remove mandate for business directory that includes non-members of Chamber), bicycle infrastructure, mentoring and succession planning, formalizing relationships and responsibilities among the Town and key island organizations (what is Chamber's sense of its role, what is its capacity to do something different?; narrow focus to intergovernmental and organizations/businesses that have existential impact on Island: Clinic, Chamber, St. John's, Nelson Construction)

7.   **Priority Topic Discussion**
Members will rank and prioritize topics. Rough sequencing of actions: outreach to community on ideas and their role, continue drafting final document, exchange with TPC, initial revisions, public draft 30 days before public hearing, consider additional revisions, send to TPC for formal ratification process.

8.   **Public Comment #2 -** None

9.   **Set next meeting and agenda**
Next regular meeting scheduled for 5/18/23 at 4 pm.
Agenda; draft work discussion and priority topic discussion

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 5/18/23. D. Goetsch, Clerical Assistant