

**Town of La Pointe
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee
Thursday May 25, 2023
4 pm at Town Hall/Zoom
Minutes**

Members present: Alex Nelson (Chair), Charley Brummer, Michael Collins, Jane Vogt,
Sarah Caruso and Dan Bartholomay
Members absent: 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. May 18, 2023.

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

4. Identify Critical Tasks and assignments

A. Record tasks with timeline

Discussion of draft timeline prepared by Jane including; target public hearing date of 8/24, need for 30 day notice and timing between revisions.

B. What materials do we need/need to create

No decisions

C. Circling back to organizations & individuals

- Discussion on how and when to meet with the original organizations we engaged at the beginning of this process, what is the objective of the meetings, what topics and materials to use to guide the discussion.
- Consensus on the following:
 - Meetings will be held the end of June with the goal to introduce the plan.
 - Explain the collaboration and provide examples.
 - Give more details on the other top priorities: affordable, available and reliable access to and from the island, family success, property taxes, affordable housing, food access, health care.
 - List other topics included in the plan categories.
 - Summarize this information in a 2-page document and create a visual of some sort.

5. Reactions to Compilation Draft

A. Are priority items highlighted? Are any missing?

Consensus to add health care as a priority.

B. What changes overall may be needed?

- Discussion on general editing: remove stuff that is overreach, include appropriate context and justification, highlight recommendations, and make the document user-friendly.
- Consensus to have committee members review and send recommended changes to Sarah by 5/31. She will then do an overall edit. Categories will be reordered: priority topics, then Quality of Life, Collaboration, Economic Vitality, Natural Environment and Heritage
- Michael K will work on assembling charts, tables and overall formatting.
- Discussion on writing the report not from the voice of the committee but from the community.

C. Discuss ‘Climate Readiness Work Group’ as a part of XX topic

Michael K stated the UW Extension of Ashland County is assembling a 6-month work group. They reached out to the Town looking for a representative, Michael K thought this group should discuss. Also, when writing up climate topic for draft, try to include climate as weather and climate of community.

6. Public Comment #2 - None

7. Set next meeting and agenda

Next regular meeting scheduled for 6/8/23 at 4 pm.

Agenda: Climate Readiness Work Group,

9. Adjourn

Motion by Sarah 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 6/8/23. D. Goetsch, Clerical Assistant