

**Town of La Pointe  
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee  
Thursday August 24, 2023  
4 pm at Town Hall/Zoom  
Minutes**

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

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Meeting called to order by Alex.

**2. Public Comment #1 - None**

**3. Minutes to be considered for approval:**

**A. August 10, 2023.**

Alex noted a typo item 6C. Motion by Sarah to approve minutes as corrected, seconded by Jane, all ayes. Motion carried.

**4. Finalize position on Future Use Maps**

**A. Land Use – description of changes**

Michael K e-mailed and circulated a color copy of the future land use map with changes discussed at the last meeting, including: reduce mixed use on the east end of Middle Rd, expand mixed use on Penny Lane corridor adjacent to commercial district, and minor changes to the cemetery and potential plot of land to be used for affordable housing.

**B. Transportation – public road update, bike path**

Michael K noted the hiking trails on Capser Rd and North Shore Rd need to be updated. Proposed bike trail to be labeled as multi-use non-motorized trail on map. Michael K will consult with Ken Myhre, Madeline Island Trails, on where this should extend west of Black Shanty Rd.

Lengthy discussion on whether paving North Shore Rd or any other gravel roads should be addressed (there is an active advisory survey regarding paving North Shore Rd, based on an inquiry at the annual Town meeting). Consensus that the statement on page 80 under transportation addresses this issue.

**C. Utilities & Facilities – sanitary district updates**

Michael K reported that he has not heard back from Madeline Sanitary District on whether the sewer system has been expanded since the last map was created. Discussion on ARPA funds Ashland County has to allocate by next year. Michael K stated he did suggest money allocated for affordable housing infrastructure would be appropriate here, as we have the largest growth of any community in Ashland County.

Michael checked with the original map makers; their quote was \$6,500 for updating these 3 maps. Michael also checked with NWRPC (Northwest Regional Planning Commission) and they would be able to create new maps for significantly less.

**5. Draft language updates**

- Alex noted a typo and striking sentence on pg. 46 regarding one-way traffic on Main St.
- Strengthen the unique sense of place recommendation on pg. 55 to expand the area to the Lake Superior watershed area and to be more specific as to who should remain vigilant.
- Engage sessional residents on pg. 34 needs to have the text and chart coordinate, MK will reword.

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

**7. Set next meeting and agenda**

Next regular meeting scheduled 9/14/23 @ 4pm

Agenda; updates based on comments from TPC & public hearing, future map updates

**8. Adjourn**

Motion by Jane to adjourn, seconded by Charlie, all ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes taken from recording and submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant

Minutes approved as presented 9/28/23. D. Goetsch, Clerical Assistant