

**Town of La Pointe
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
Tuesday September 12, 2023
10:00 am Town Hall/Zoom
Minutes**

Members present: Katie Sanders (Chair), Jane Vogt, Cedar Schimke, Charlie Bertel, Gwen Smith Patterson, Jim Peters, Mark Pass, Robert Kramer
Members on leave of absence: Lauren Schuppe
Staff present: Michael Kuchta, Town Administrator
Glenn Carlson, Town Board Chair

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Katie Sanders at 10:00 am.

2. Public Comment – none

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

A. August 8, 2023

Jim noted a correction to 5B, name should be changed from Jim to Cedar.

Motion by Jim to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Jane, all ayes.

Motion Carried.

4. Discussion with Town Board Chair, Glenn Carlson

Glenn stated the Town Board plans to move the execution of finding a developer/land to a staff project headed by Michael Kuchta. He thanked the committee for their good work and thinks the committee's work is done unless they decide they would like to work on projects and ideas as a group.

Lengthy Q&A and discussion regarding Glenn's statement, both with Glenn present and after his departure.

Motion by Jim that the Town Administrator take on the affordable housing plan that we've developed to this point to continue to somehow figure out how to build for what we need for affordable housing. Michael K suggested a motion for the "Town Administrator to take on the implementation of the Maxfield Research recommendations." Jim amended his motion, seconded by Jane, all ayes. Motion Carried. Consensus to have a meeting next month to discuss the future of this committee.

5. Reports & Updates

A. Housing database/resource update - Cedar.

Discussion on a document e-mailed to committee by Cedar. Robert suggested removing "free water available at laundromat" as this is a private business. Jane e-mailed comments to Cedar; Katie will also.

B. CheqBUILT community land trust – Charlie

Katie e-mailed 3 documents to the committee this morning regarding Charlie's work on the land trust.

Charlie reported the CheqBUILT group will meet next Monday and bi-weekly thru March to work on ideas based on the Burlington Housing Coalition. The hope is to have a trust established by next summer, and property owned/managed by the following year.

Michael stated the group has a good consultant and they have WHEDA on board to fund at least one round.

C. Other

6. Recommendations to Town Board

A. Budget requests for 2024 - none

B. Chequamegon Bay Regional Housing Coalition Charter

Motion by Jane to recommend the Town Board join the charter, seconded by Jim, all ayes. Motion Carried.

C. Other

Jane asked that the Town Board have active input as to what they would like the committee to do for them going forward.

7. Public Comment

8. Set Next Meeting Agenda and Date

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 10/10/2023, 10 am at Town Hall/Zoom.

Agenda: committee continuation discussion

9. Adjourn

Motion by all to adjourn, all ayes. Motion Carried.

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

Minutes approved as presented 10/10/23. D. Goetsch, Clerical Assistant