

**Town of La Pointe**  
**Special Town Board Meeting**  
**2024 Budget Workshop**  
**Wednesday, October 25, 2023**  
**4:45 pm at the Town Hall**  
*Approved Minutes*

**Town Board Members Present:** Chair Glenn Carlson, Supervisor Michael Anderson, Supervisor Aimée Baxter, Supervisor Sue Brenna, Supervisor Samantha Dobson

**Staff Present:** Town Administrator Michael Kuchta, Town Clerk Alex Smith, Zoning Administrator Ed Schaffer

**Public Present:** Madeline Rupp, Mary Atmore, Katie Sanders, Molly Sullivan

1. Call to order: 4:45pm
2. Public Comment A: None.
3. Budget Workshop with each of the following departments:
  - A. Clinic: Budget request for 2024 prepared and discussed by Molly Sullivan. The clinic has requested \$24,000. Glenn Carlson thanked the clinic for their excellent work and dedication.
  - B. Committees:
    - Affordable Housing Advisory Committee: *The committee has not requested a new budget allocation for 2024.*
    - Community Awards Committee: *The committee has not requested a new budget allocation for 2024. They plan to maintain what is left in their designated fund and have it roll over into 2024.*
    - Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee: *The committee has requested \$10,000 for the 2024 budget. The committee's charter has expired and is no longer in existence. Remaining funds will be needed to pay for maps and print plans, etc. Any remaining funds will roll over into the Island Roundtable initiative and other implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. They anticipate the availability of \$10,000 in grant funding.*
    - Energy Committee: *The committee is exploring the same state energy innovation grant applied for in the previous year to build out a microgrid to utilize solar power generated buildings. They have a meeting on Nov 6<sup>th</sup> and will know more by then. The request for \$60,000 for the 2024 budget would essentially be the gap that the grant doesn't cover.*
    - Public Arts Committee: *The committee has requested \$4,000 for the 2024 budget. The committee has planned to focus on deepening civic engagement by developing a unique social media platform for the public, a sidewalk chalk event, and a future winter festival. The committee has been in early discussions*

towards a plan to incorporate 7 old ferry boat propellers into sculptural form in Russell Park. They are still in the early stages and have a lot more to discuss.  
Winter Transportation Committee: The committee has requested \$10,000 for the 2024 budget.

Town Plan Commission/ Zoning: The 2024 budget requests are similar to the past to cover the Zoning Administrator and zoning expenses.

- C. General Government: The 2024 budget requests prepared and presented by Michael Kuchta. The Town will continue to manage a transition period with new staffing, job structures, and new responsibilities. With the anticipation of purchasing the ferry line, the Town will need to be prepared to operate this service directly.

4. Public Comment B: None

5. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**Submitted by Alex Smith, Town Clerk.**

**Approved as submitted 11/14/23.**