

**Town of La Pointe  
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee  
Tuesday January 9, 2024  
10:00 am Town Hall/Zoom  
Minutes**

Members present: Katie Sanders (Chair), Jane Vogt, Charlie Bertel, Jim Peters, Mark Pass  
Staff present: Michael Kuchta, Town Administrator

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

Meeting called to order by Katie Sanders.

**2. Public Comment – none**

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

**A. November 14, 2023**

Motion by Charlie to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Katie, all ayes. Motion Carried.

**4. Committee updates**

**A. Mark Pass**

Mark reported on his investigation into 1 Roof Community Housing units in Duluth. He attended an open house for 2 new units they built and are for sale. He also spoke with Jeff Corey, Executive Director regarding the Request For Qualifications (RFQ) this committee put out last year. Jeff reviewed the RFQ and concluded that it would be difficult at this time to build in WI and he was not interested.

**B. Charlie Bertel**

Charlie stated that the CheqBUILT Community Land Trust has been incorporated and bylaws essentially have been completed. Jim thought everything was moving along quite well with good progress being made. Charlie estimated loans could be available in 4-6 months.

Discussion on Board of Directors needed for CheqBUILT, including how to get a representative from the Island involved. Charlie is interested.

**C. Jane Vogt**

Jane gave an overview of where the 6/22/24 project with Habitat for Humanity stands including timeline/project plan, marketing, fundraising and volunteer engagement. Jane suggested Katie write a \$5,000 grant proposal to the Apostle Island Area Community Fund. Consensus that the committee be named as a partner with Habitat on this “Rock the Island” project.

Jane noted that she will be on the Wild Rivers Advisory Board and that Marie Iannazzo has also been asked to serve.

**5. Update on Middle Road property**

Michael reported that the Town has acquired property at 687 Middle Road as part of the Madeline Island Ferry Line (MIFL) acquisition. This 11+ acre parcel includes (per appraisal) a 950 sq. ft. house with electric and public sewer. The house has been unoccupied due to mold problems per MIFL; this was not verified in the appraisal.

Discussion on the possibilities of using this property for rehab and affordable housing builds.

**6. Recommendations to Town Board**

Motion by Jane to ask the Town Board to consider the 687 Middle Road parcel for priority development and rehab in pursuit of affordable workforce housing on the island, seconded by Mark, all ayes. Motion Carried.

**7. Public Comment – none**

**8. Set Next Meeting Agenda and Date**

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 3/12/24 at 10 am  
Agenda items: committee updates, Middle Rd parcel

**9. Adjourn**

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

Minutes taken from recording and submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant  
Minutes approved as presented 3/12/24. D. Goetsch, Clerical Assistant