

**Town of La Pointe  
Community and Public Works Planning Committee (CAPP)  
Monday, January 14, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 6:07 PM.

**1. Roll Call**

**Committee Members Present:** Ron Harrold (Chair), Carol Sowl, Anne Lacy, Aimee Baxter, Susie Moe, Red Eldred, Holly Tourdot, Mary Ross, and Deena Schuppe.

**Public Present:** Keith Sowl, Paul Brummer, Charlie Brummer

**2. Minutes of the Following Meetings to be considered for approval:**

**A. November 15, 2007**

Motion by Red Eldred to approve the November 15, 2007 minutes as submitted. Second, Aimee Baxter. All in favor, all aye. Motion carried.

**3. Discussion and/or Recommendation to the Town Board:**

**A. Appointment of Committee members: Alternate #1 term ending April 30, 2008.**

Ron left a message for Sarah Luck Pearson asking if she was interested in filling the position. She never returned the call but she is in South Africa. Word has it she is not interested. The position continues to be posted.

**4. Reports from the following Ad Hoc Committees:**

**A. Affordable Housing. (ARC)**

Update from Jen Croonborg, ARC Chair, is in the folder and includes the results of the survey. Neil Deering is in charge now because Roger Sukanen is retired.

**B. Alternative Energy. (AEC)** No minutes from the AEC as of yet. Topic is on hold.

**5. Discussion and/or Recommendation to the Town Board:**

**Update to 2000 Master Sidewalk Plan.**

Keith has requested that the 2000 Master Sidewalk Plan be updated. Periodically, funding is available. In order to acquire that funding, it is sometimes a prerequisite to have a sidewalk management plan and a plan for future sidewalks. This concerns pedestrian traffic but also leads into bicycle traffic and trail use. The question is: Where do people want to see pedestrian and bicycle traffic? There was much discussion. Following are several discussion points:

- Paul Brummer is opposed to sidewalks on the lake side of Main Street and reports that most of his neighbors are opposed as well;
- Hazel Hansen is opposed to the sidewalk *around her store at the corner of Big Bay and Main, commonly known as the "old store corner,"* but is willing to sell the land for the road to the county Additional land would be needed to add a sidewalk there;
- Future sidewalks would be 5 feet or more wide-
- Pedestrian traffic from the *Pub to the Music Camp and Music Camp* to Club House is of great concern. Keith said that what he envisions from *Pub corner to the Club House and the Club House* to the Music Camp is a 6-8 foot pedestrian/bike lane - a separate paved little road. It is all 66 foot right-of-way from the Pub corner to the Club House and from the Pub corner to the Music Camp;

- Red noted that curbs, like by the Museum, help keep people on the sidewalk.
- Keith would like to see the walking system to Casper Trail. ~~Could WDNR provide funds?~~  
*The town has received a WDNR grant.*
- Red asked Keith if he saw any problems with the 2000 sidewalk plan and if he had any recommendations with regard to other on-going projects, like the storm sewer project. Regarding the storm sewer project: new curb, sidewalk, and gutter could be part of that because the road will be torn out and lowered at least a foot. The road essentially becomes the ditch because all the adjacent land has to drain to the road. Also, Rice Street, including the new Rice Street, will have a sidewalk all along the west side of the road.
- Red noted that the Music Camp sidewalk is not included in the 2000 plan and would need to be added.
- Would the updated Master Sidewalk Plan include design specifications?

Keith produced a pamphlet called "Implementing a Sidewalk Plan" which addresses the design, construction, inspection, and maintenance of sidewalks. Keith noted that there are a lot of legal issues regarding sidewalks and the town is liable when somebody trips on a crack. Madeline Island pedestrian traffic will only be growing. Holly will e-mail the above list to Keith and to CAPP members. The next step is to recommend to the Town Board that these changes to the 2000 Master Sidewalk Plan be adopted. CAPP members need to examine the map and the Dec. 1999 document (revised in 2003).s

#### **6. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS): Discussion of future projects for the Town of La Pointe in conjunction with the Town Plan Commission.**

Keith requests that CAPP make recommendations based on the Comprehensive Plan.

- Community compost is on the table. A feasibility study needs to be done for this. Tab Butler and Jim Kasperson are looking at this issue. Huge rows and bull-dozing are involved and it will depend on what is included for composting. Yard waste could be included. Superior and Northland College both have systems to examine. Does the WDNR offer grants for composting (related to our annual recycling grant)? CAPP will invite Tab to come and talk about the community compost.
- New community/rec center is no longer on the table.
- New concrete ramp for Griggs approach is needed.
- North Shore Park Trail should be elaborated upon.

Motion by Holly to return to item 2. There was no second.

#### **7. Discussion and/or Recommendation to the Town Board: Website for the Town of La Pointe.**

Recommendation needs to be specific. What should be on the website? How often should it be updated? Keith said that there are two people on Madeline Island that are capable of doing this website and it should be put out on bids. CAPP cannot force the TB to do this. Motion by Carol Sowl to resend the work that was done by CAPP in March of 2003 to the TB with the recommendation and reminders that they get on it. Second, Holly Tourdot. Keith adds that all department head reports should be on the website. Red suggests that the motion be amended to inquire as to whether the TB wants CAPP to update the website recommendation. Carol amends

the motion to include Red's suggestion. Ron asks if everyone understands what is being voted upon and all in favor, all aye. Motion carried.

### **8. Signage for Trails and Roads.**

Keith said that he and Mary Ross would be working on the signage. Holly asked to be involved because she is working on a map project grant.

**9. After School Program meeting results.** Carol gave a rundown of the meeting at the school. She is currently working on a budget for the grant and will be asking for \$70,000 for after school programs including academic programs, a community garden, and drug and alcohol awareness.

**10. Old Business.** Back to the minutes... Motion by Holly to amend the motion to approve the minutes to include the correction: "SAIDS" should read "CEDS." Second, Ron Harrold. All in favor, all aye. Motion carried. No other old business.

### **11. New Business.**

A. Request that CAPP update/revise the Park & Recreation for Rieman Family Park adjacent to the Wilderness Preserve off School House Road. The Riemans are going to donate matching funds up to \$25,000.00 for the development of the park and camping facilities. There are lots of grants available. We need a five year plan. Look to trail map for details. There is an intermittent stream and John Spangler does not want to permit a culvert. Spangler wants a bridge. Keith suggests a parking area, a small playground, a pit toilet, and a wilderness camp site on the other side of the bridge. Keith will e-mail a copy of the deed (for the restrictions) to CAPP members.

B. There are ongoing negotiations with the Anishinabe regarding Madeline Island's placement on the National Register of Historic Places. Keith suggests we work with the tribes to update Comprehensive Plan to recognize the historic and cultural significance of Madeline Island to the Anishinabe. The placement could enhance tourism. There are many questions about the ramifications of eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. The designation of "Traditional Cultural Landscape" and "Traditional Cultural Property" may have legal significance that needs to be explored. Aimee said she will speak with Joe Rose of Bad River and Northland College. Holly Said she would try to contact her professor from UW School of Law. Keith suggested the town work with the tribes to acquire another piece of land and/or a shelter for ceremonies and powwows so the people can get out of the rain and have flush toilets. There is grant money available for parks. Tribal Chairs will be invited to a discussion regarding this issue. Eligibility is as big of an issue as registration.

### **12. Set next Agenda(s) and Schedule Next Meeting(s).**

Carol would like to limit future agendas to one major issue so that CAPP can focus. Revise existing park plan. Add to Comprehensive Plan: Griggs approach ramp, North Shore Park, and Rieman Family Park. CEDS document is the priority. Ron stated CAPP will have a focal point and then a list of projects. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 11, 2008 at 6PM. Red will invite Tab.

### **13. Adjourn.**

Motion to adjourn. Second. All in favor, all aye. Motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Holly Tourdot.