

**Meeting of the
Community and Public Works Planning Committee
Monday, March 10, 2008
6:00 P.M. at the Town Hall**

1. Aimee Baxter called meeting to order at 6: 10. Anne Lacy agree to take minutes.

Present: Aimee Baxter, Deena Schuppe, Sue Moe, Anne Lacy, Dave Thomas, Ed Kale, Holly Tourdot, Tim Eldred (Arrived at beginning of discussion of Agenda Item 5.)

Absent: Ron Harrold, Mary Ross, Carol Sowl, ~~Holly Tourdot~~

Public in Attendance: Keith Sowl, Warren Anderson

2. D. Schuppe moved to approve minutes from meeting of February 11, 2008.
D. Thomas second. MC

3. Discussion and/or Recommendation to TB regarding Seats to Be Filled: Alternate #1 and Seat #6. Nobody has signed up. CAPP members will encourage interested community members to sign up.

4. Reports from ad Hoc Committees:

A. Affordable Housing: Letter from Jennifer Croonborg updated C.A.P .P. on a progress of housing project. Letter indicated that Ashland Housing Authority has been "unresponsive" to communication from J. Croonborg, Chair, Affordable Housing Committee.

B. Alternative Energy: ad Hoc Committee is progressing with grant application, permits, and site selection for possible alternative energy production.

5. Master Sidewalk and Bike Trail Plan. Review and/or Revise, line by line:

Keith Sowl summarized grant opportunities and status of bike trail/pedestrian improvements for island in the future. Glenn Landis (DOT) advised that Town develop a detailed plan (ready for construction) for sidewalks/bike trails to have in place for future upcoming grant opportunities. That would improve La Pointe's eligibility for DOT Transportation Enhancement grant money. Keith told C.A.P .P about an 80/20 grant for planning bicycle and pedestrian paths for communities. Deadline is April 18th. Minimum awarded: \$50,000. Emmer Shields (Ashland County Highway Commissioner) recommended to Keith that, if awarded, Town include plans for widened bikeway to State Park in order to warrant that kind of expenditure for planning. (E. Shields and Keith submit application for Wisconsin grant money every time one comes up -for widening road for bikeways to State Park.) D. Thomas asked how much long range cost to the Town. K. Sowl mentioned that some community members believe there should be no "enhancements" for a need that only presses for two months out of the year. D. Schuppe mentioned the merits of the boardwalk through the wetland idea, which is included the Comprehensive Plan.

Discussion regarding walkways up to Club House: Keith Sowl reported that Town Board had asked him to plan for walkways from Music Camp to Club House. H. Tourdot asked about legalities of digging in historically sensitive area. A. Lacy asked if Town had to follow 5' specs for concrete sidewalk if they accepted grant money, adding opinion that that would change/denigrate character of that stretch of Old Fort Road. H. Tourdot enquired about using recycled tires for walkways. A. Lacy asked about possibilities of putting down calcium chloride or permazyme instead of asphalt. T. Anderson volunteered information about limestone stabilizer, a material that hardens with time, almost like concrete. D. Thomas projected that the price of gasoline (and asphalt) will

most likely become prohibitively expensive. He questioned any plans for use of asphalt, and the wisdom of going into more debt to accommodate tourism. K. explained that Town plans to pulverize badly deteriorated section of Old Fort Road at base of hill by pulverizing old asphalt and reconstituting it to make new surface. A suggestion was made that the Town just take care of pedestrian path on its own, forgetting grant money. Keith commented that an additional two feet on each side would be a big improvement. More discussion about pedestrians walking side by side down middle of road.

Motion: H. Tourdot moved that C.A.P.P. ask the Town Board to send a letter to the Music Camp, requesting that students walk two by two, and stay off the road as much as possible. A. Baxter seconded. E. Kale abstained. Aimee seconded MC

More discussion: T. Eldred summarized K. Sowl's request of C.A.P.P.: that we review and re-recommend specific sidewalks and pedestrian lanes as proposed in February 2003 so that when grant opportunities come along, the Town Road Supervisor will know what needs to be included.

Motion: Red made a motion to recommend to the Town Board that Keith plan for the widening of Old Fort Road from Main Street to Chief Buffalo Lane and from Penny Lane to Old Fort Road on Mondamin Trail, and widening the shoulder on the east side of Old Fort Road from Chief Buffalo Lane to the entrance to the Golf Course: all of the above to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Aimee seconded MC.

6. Old Business None

7. New Business None

8. Next Agenda and Meeting: Meeting set for April 7th Agenda: Same, including recommendations (street by street) for existing sidewalk plan

A. Lacy moved to adjourn. Aimee seconded MC Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Minutes approved as corrected, corrections struck through; changes in italics August 21, 2008