

**Town of La Pointe Zoning
Town Plan Commission Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2013**

Town Plan Commission (TPC) Members Present: Ted Pallas, Chair, Larry Whalen (arrives at 4:32), Greg Thury, Suellen Soucek, Joan Martin, Carey Baxter (6).

Town Plan Commission members absent: Charles Brummer (1).

Public Present: Dave Thomas, Paul Brummer, Mike Starck (3).

Town Staff Members Present: J. Croonborg-Murphy, ZA , Margaretta Kusch, ZCA, Pete Clark, Town Administrator (3).

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Pallas called the Meeting to order at 4:30 PM at the La Pointe Town Hall. Roll call reflected members present or absent as recorded above.

II. Public Comment

Paul Brummer asks that the Mixed Use Zone be removed from the Comprehensive Plan.

Dave Thomas suggests that while reviewing the Comprehensive Plan, the method of “back-casting” could be used, i.e., forecast where the Town should be in 5 years in terms of any issue, then look back from that and determine what would be necessary to achieve those goals.

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

a. Town Plan Commission Special Monthly Meeting, January 2, 2013.

- Change header date to from “*December 12, 2012*” to “*January 2, 2013*.”
- In Item IV, first bullet point, second sentence, delete text in parentheses.
- In Item IV, first bullet point, third sentence, delete “*and Emmer Shields*.”
- In Item IV, first bullet point, sixth paragraph, change “*in to*” to “*into*” in first sentence.
- In Item V, second bullet point, first paragraph, change “*in to*” to “*into*” in first sentence.

G. Thury moves to approve the Town Plan Commission Special Monthly Meeting minutes of January 2, 2013, as amended. S. Soucek seconds. All in favor, 4 aye, 2 abstain (J. Martin, C. Baxter). Motion carries.

IV. Zoning Administrator’s Report

The revised legal budget for the Town Plan Commission will be decided at the next Town Board meeting. The Town Board approved pursuing Ed Kale’s accessories in court, but not Craftivity, Inc.

IV. Consideration and/or Action of Permit Applications

V. New Business

VI. Old Business

- **Comprehensive Plan Review**
 - a. **Community Survey**

The Town Plan Commission reviews the 2003 CAPP committee community survey and amends and reformats it, mostly to remove questions pertaining to Ashland County as a whole and not La Pointe specifically. A new question is added as well: “*If not already, do you plan on becoming a year-round resident?*”

The recording secretary will create a new draft survey to review for the next meeting, at which point it can be finalized for mailing to community members.

b. Census Bureau information and Comprehensive Plan based forecasts

The Zoning Administrator states that the Comprehensive Plan relies in many aspects on the forecasts and projections of population and demographics included in the Background Document and the Plan. These numbers are sometimes conflicting or inaccurate, and the sources for the data are elusive. It seems like the CAPP committee and, later, Vierbicher (the company hired by the Town to put together the Comprehensive Plan) got their data from the US Census.

The recording secretary adds that the CAPP committee looked at population data from the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development and the Demographics Services Center (part of the Wisconsin Department of Administration) during the Comprehensive Plan creation.

In order to be consistent when carrying out this review, the Town Plan Commission should use the same data sources as the CAPP committee did when they created the original document. The Zoning Administrator and the recording secretary will continue to read through the CAPP committee files for more information as to how the original data was come by. The Zoning Administrator suggests that the Town Plan Commissioners read through the CAPP documents as well if they have time (the records are available in the Town Hall).

M. Starck notes that there are currently 310 registered voters in the Town of La Pointe. Not all of these people live on the island year round, but where is the line drawn between residents and non-residents—people who live on the island 9 months out of the year? 10 months, 11, etc.? Should the infrastructure planned for the island be for all residents or only classic year-rounders?

C. Baxter feels that getting real 2013 data would be good as a start. He feels that there's no reason to rush in with the project: there's no deadline, so why not start with the community survey.

The Zoning Administrator notes that the Town doesn't have a professional planner to aid in the revision as the CAPP committee did in the creation of the Comprehensive Plan. Therefore the research will have to be done in-house. The Town Administrator is writing a resolution so that the Town Board can help with the revision, however.

VIII. Future Agenda Item

IX. Schedule Future Meetings

- Next Regular Monthly Meeting to be held Wednesday, February 6, 2013, at 4:30 pm.

X. Adjournment

G. Thury moves to adjourn. S. Soucek seconds. All in favor. Motion Carries. Meeting ends at 5:50 pm.

Town Plan Commission minutes respectfully submitted by Margaretta Kusch, ZCA on Friday, February 01, 2013.

Town Plan Commission minutes approved as amended Wednesday, February 06, 2013.

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