

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016
4:30pm AT TOWN HALL**

Town Board Planning and Education Meeting/ Workshop
Approved Minutes

Town Board Members Present: Jim Patterson, Mike Anderson, John Carlson, Michael Childers, Mike Starck

Staff present: Lisa Potswald, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne

Public Present: Paul Brummer, Charlie Brummer

1. Call to Order: at 4:30pm

2. Planning and Discussion on the Following Topics:

A. Discuss Circumstances and possible next steps regarding Madeline Island School of the Arts: Background information discussed: MISA applied for a land use permit for the installation of a dishwasher which was issued then revoked due to lack of necessary building permits for a commercial kitchen which was to be installed.

The Town does have an attorney assigned by the Insurance Company as there was the threat of a lawsuit. There had been previous discussions on trying to sit down with the Town Chair, the Chair of the Town Planning Commission, L. Potswald, C. Meech of MISA and the MISA Board or a representative without lawyers present to try and come to a conclusion on the permit issues. The Town Plan Commission has stated that commercial kitchen would be in violation of the current MISA Conditional Use Permit, and they must apply for a modification.

Further discussion on whether Building Inspector J. Price and Ashland County Health Inspector K. Tuckwell should be involved in any discussions and Robin Russell has stated that she would be a negotiator to assist in solving any problems. L. Potswald is to follow up with the Town Plan Commission to clarify what their previous decisions were.

B. Items from past workshops:

1. Code/Ordinance Review: Discussion on if there is a need for a food truck ordinance, possibly for any kind of street vendor or a business license in general that would just be a small fee, but would come with specific guidelines. Next steps are to look into what other Towns have done/ are doing so we don't have to reinvent the wheel.

2. Community Center: Brief discussion on how there are not funds to have a new all-inclusive community center building. The Town currently has many elements that go together to create a 'community center' like the Library, the Rec Center, the School and the Church. There is also a portable stage (not owned by the Town) that can be used by the public and organizations.

C. Strategic Planning: This is the first of many strategic planning workshops to begin to look at the future of La Pointe. Town Administrator L. Potswald prepared a packet of how strategic planning works: looking at long term goals and then setting priorities and small steps to start to reach the goals. Using the Harbor Committee and possible Harbor changes in the future as an example; how it is a huge project and change, but if planning is done strategically, then small steps can be made that are affordable and doable.

Discussion on how current committees can fit into this: The Town Board to be more directive in what their priorities are.

The next strategic planning workshop will be to discuss internal and external components including the strengths and weaknesses of the Town and what the opportunities and threats are. L. Potswald would like the Board to think about what they each want the Town to look like in 30 years. Meeting scheduled for March 1, 2016 at 4:30pm.

D. Other Items

3. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, J. Carlson/ M. Childers, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 5:55pm.

Submitted by Town Clerk, Micaela Montagne.

Approved as submitted, February 9, 2016. M. Montagne, Town Clerk