

**Community and Public Works Planning Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2013**

1. Roll Call.

Meeting called to order by Co- Chairperson, A. Lacy at 6:15 PM

Minutes taken by Margie Denton

Committee Present: A. Lacy, M. Denton, L. Hobin, G. Krubsack

Others Present: Larry Bean, Alternative Energy Committee and Dave Thomas

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

A. April 15, 2013

M. Denton motion to approve with a change to #4 (B); correction to spelling of Marge to Margie. Seconded by L. Hobin. Motion carried.

A. Lacy requested moving Item #5 from the Agenda to position #3 as Larry Bean from the Alternative Energy Committee was present for the discussion.

5. Alternative Energy: Discuss all the material previously presented by the Alternative Energy Committee and How CAPP might help gather and make available to the Public.

A. Larry Bean discussed the first priority of the Alternative Energy Committee is researching forms of energy efficiency and is not limited to wind or solar power. The Committee was established in 2007 for this purpose. In 2009 an energy audit of town facilities was conducted to seek efficiency improvements. The facilities audited were the airport, library, Town Hall and Town Dock. It was reported the annual cost for electricity for the Town of La Pointe facilities is \$22,500. Enterprise Lighting was selected and estimated the cost to change the light source to LED would be \$50,000. Other improvements needed are replacing the two doors on the Town Hall and installation of motion detectors. In the December 4-January 15, 2013, *Gazette*, Larry wrote an article on Solar energy. Two years ago one solar panel cost \$900 and today the cost is \$200. He wrote the tax credit for personal use is 30% with no limits to receiving the credit. The Town of La Pointe does not qualify for tax credits. He asked the public to contact the Energy Committee if interested in being part of an energy assessment and if so, to provide their annual electric consumption. Nine residents responded, however only eight residents provided their annual electric bills. The Recovery facility also responded for a total of nine participants in the assessment. (The library went on their own researching a cooling system coupled with solar panels to be placed on the roof of the Health Clinic building). A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued for a certified solar site assessor of which John Johanning was selected as the contractor. It is estimated it will cost \$250.00 per site assessment. Larry stated the US Department of Agriculture Rural Economic Development Agency may offer grants for the LED lights at the ferry dock. Only \$800 is left from the initial Alternative Energy grant. The Town of La Pointe has moved Alternative Energy on the CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) list to priority two and plan to assist the initial participants with costs for the assessments. The energy goal is to lower the cost per watt down to \$3.00. It was also stated three Town facilities (Emergency Services building, Winter Transportation Building and the Airport) have installed radiant heat tubing however, the facilities are not operating the systems as a means to heat their buildings. One consideration would be burning wood to heat the water inside the radiant tubing. Larry is scheduled on the agenda for the next Town

Board meeting on May 28, 2013. CAPP committee members are urged to attend this meeting. A. Lacy will gather all information written by the Alternative Energy committee in order to make it available at the Library for anyone interested. Also mentioned was CAPP writing articles in the *Gazette* to communicate to the public the current business of CAPP.

3. Recommendation to Town Board: Appointment of Committee members

- A. Due to the resignation of Linda Fuller as Chair of the CAPP committee along with Tim Eldred and Chris Wolfe's decisions not to renew their terms on the committee there are currently four CAPP committee members: Anne Lacy, Larry Hobin, Gary Krubsack and Margie Denton. All current committee members need to be present at meetings to affect a quorum. CAPP is requesting the posting for Committee Members to be continued as the CAPP by-laws state there needs to be seven members.

4. Election of Officers

- A. L. Hobin motion to name A. Lacy as chairperson and M. Denton as vice-chairperson. Secretary duties will be performed by volunteering. Seconded by G. Krubsack. Motion carried.

6. Review Parks and Recreation Plan

- A. L. Hobin motion to postpone reviewing the Parks and Recreation Plan in order to give G. Krubsack (this was his first committee meeting) adequate time to prepare for the discussion. Seconded by G. Krubsack. Recommendations and ideas from the Committee will be discussed at the next CAPP meeting.

7. New Business

- A. Discussion around the need for a separate path/trail for walkers/bikers using Mission Hill due to safety issues.
- B. Decision to write a small article in the *Gazette* requesting the need for CAPP Committee members and the public's opinions on issues concerning them, to attend CAPP meetings. A. Lacy to write the article for the June 1, 2012 *Gazette* deadline.

8. Set next Agenda(s) and Schedule Next Meeting(s)

A. Agenda

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes of the May 21, 2013 meeting to be considered for approval
3. Recommendation to Town Board: Appointment of Committee members
4. Update Alternative Energy Findings
5. Review Parks and Recreation Plan
6. New Business
7. Set next Agenda and Schedule Next Meeting
8. Adjourn

Next meeting: June 18, 2013 (The 3rd Tuesday of each Month)

9. Adjourn

Motion M. Denton to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Seconded by A. Lacy. Motion carried.

Minutes approved as submitted June 18, 2013