

**Town of La Pointe  
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee  
Tuesday April 16, 2024  
10:00 am Town Hall/Zoom  
Minutes**

Members present: Katie Sanders (Chair), Jane Vogt, Charlie Bertel, Mark Pass  
Members absent: Jim Peters  
Staff present: Michael Kuchta, Town Administrator

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

Meeting called to order by Katie Sanders.

**2. Public Comment – none**

**3. Minutes of the following meetings to be considered for approval:**

**A. March 12, 2024**

Motion by Mark to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Charlie, all ayes. Motion Carried.

**4. Updates**

**A. Charlie Bertel – CheqBUILT Community Land Trust**

Charlie gave an update including 14 directors (all advisory members) being appointed to 3 yr. staggered terms and officers elected. They have applied for a \$100,000 WHEDA grant to hire an executive director. They will be working on fundraising ideas and deciding whether they need to become a developer/contractor.

**B. Jane Vogt – Habitat for Humanity**

- Jane is finalizing plans for Rock the Block on 6/22/24, all committee members are welcome to volunteer. Katie will prepare an article for the Gazette to advertise.
- A Habitat construction manager plans to come to the island to assess possible properties for rehab including Bell Street Tavern and the home at 687 Middle Rd.

**C. Potential properties (687 Middle Rd, Erickson parcel, Hartzell property, Bell Street)**

- Michael stated the 687 Middle Rd property is still an option but has a major challenge with hooking up to the existing sewer system.
- Michael and Ed Schaffer, Zoning Administrator spoke with Evan Erickson Sr regarding his lots on Big Bay Rd, near Rice St. He is willing to develop these parcels for affordable housing but not sell the property.
- Michael mentioned the town land between the emergency services building and MRF may become a viable option if plans to add a sewer connection on that side of the road happen.
- Michael mentioned he has been in contact with a potential developer in Rice Lake and will forward any updates to the committee.

**5. Recommendations to Town Board**

Motion by Katie to recommend the Town Board allow access to the house at 687 Middle Rd for possible rehabilitation; also, while considering all properties, committee would like to look at the Town property across from Capser Trail on Big Bay Rd due to possible sewer installation on that side of the road, seconded by Jane, all ayes. Motion Carried.

**6. Public Comment – none**

**7. Set Next Meeting Agenda and Date**

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 5/21/24 at 10 am

**9. Adjourn**

Motion by Mark to adjourn, seconded by Jane, all ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes taken from recording and submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant  
Minutes approved as presented 5/21/24. D. Goetsch, Clerical Assistant