

Town of La Pointe
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
Tuesday July 9, 2024
10:00 am Town Hall/Zoom
Draft Minutes

Members present: Katie Sanders, Jane Vogt, Charlie Bertel, Mark Pass and Jim Peters
Staff present: Michael Kuchta, Town Administrator

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Katie at 10am.

2. Public Comment

3. Appoint Chair/Vice-Chair

Katie will continue until things change and withdraw her resignation for now.

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

A. May 21, 2024

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

5. Updates

A. Charlie Bertel – CheqBUILT Community Land Trust

Charlie reported that the group established an executive board and 2 ad hoc committees with Charlie chairing the committee to hire a director. Charlie estimates 8-12 months before the land trust will be functioning pending funding.

B. Jane Vogt – Habitat for Humanity update and next steps

- Rock the Island was a success with habitat pre-building benches for the dog park and approx. 30 volunteers working on Joni’s Beach landscaping.
- Next steps will be to look for veterans and other people to demand services.
- Mike from Habitat toured Bell Street Tavern and the house owned by the Town on Middle Rd. Bell Street has potential for rehab and the Middle Rd house would need to be replaced.
- Jane will work with Habitat on getting a proposal for what types of housing could be done on the Middle Rd property.
- Mark will contact One Roof in Duluth regarding the modular homes they have built.

C. Status of work Michael has been leading with potential developers

Michael has not received any responses from the 2nd RFQ. The 3.5 acres owned by the Town between the Emergency Services Building and the Materials Recovery Facility still seems to be the best viable option for a multiple unit development.

D. Discussion on committee direction and priorities

Consensus to focus on the Middle Rd property then the Big Bay Rd property.

- 6. Recommendations to Town Board – None**
- 7. Public Comment**
Thanks to Michael for all the work you have done for this committee.
- 8. Set Next Meeting Agenda and Date**
Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday 8/14/24 at 10 am
- 9. Adjourn**

Minutes taken from recording and submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant
Minutes approved as presented 8/14/24. D. Goetsch, Clerical Assistant