

**Town of La Pointe
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
Wednesday November 14, 2024
5:00 pm Town Hall/Zoom
Minutes**

Members present: Katie Sanders (Chair), Charlie Bertel, Mark Pass, John Nielsen, Samantha Dobson, Jim Peters, Jane Vogt and Jackie Noha
Public present: Michael Kuchta

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Katie at 5pm.

2. Public Comment - none

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

A. October 9, 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 reported that the Board has approved to make an offer to an Executive Director. The land trust has received \$300,000 in grants so far with some funds earmarked for a land purchase. Charlie noted a modular housing seminar next Monday. He will forward information to anyone who is interested.

B. Mark Pass – further discussion on acquiring public housing from Ashland Housing

Mark and Jane talked about their discussion with Denise at Ashland County Housing Authority regarding their properties on Voyageur Lane including discussion on acquiring them and current deed restrictions.

Motion by Jane to select a group of 2-3 people to put together an analysis sheet for the evaluation of property and structures to have a better understanding of the investment, seconded by Charlie, all ayes. Motion Carried.

C. Jane Vogt – Habitat update

Jane reported that she is working with Jennifer at Habitat to get information on mortgage and home repair programs available to people on the island.

D. Sam Dobson – update on connecting with Jane & Habitat

Sam gave an overview of the Island Collaborative which is just starting to come together and of the ways the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, Habitat and the CheqBUILT Land Trust may be involved. Lengthy discussion of Sam's idea of having a loan program for people who own land but are unable to acquire a loan to start construction.

E. Discussion Skyline Homes and other prefab

Michael Kuchta e-mailed information to the committee regarding a modular home manufacturer in Lancaster who, through a Community Action Program, is supplying homes for a pilot program in Lancaster. Michael will continue to

further explore models and building timeline. Charlie forwarded the information to CheqBUILT.

F. Mark & Charlie property evaluation Big Bay Road (continuing discussion)

- Charlie reported that he and Mark have contracted with Dan Olsen of Ogema Modular to draw up a site plot for the Big Bay property including 4 -4-plex buildings (1 and 2 bedrooms) along with storage sheds and a common area. This plot will also include the RV dump station with a single driveway.
- Charlie also had a conversation with Day Noyes, a local architect who drew up plans for the Big Bay Rd property by Capser Trail. He is willing to meet with the committee to discuss ways we could be our own developer.
- Jane stated she will pass on information she received from Cedar Schimke, a former committee member, regarding development ideas.

G. Additional topics

Sam asked for information regarding the status of the committee working with Bob Hartzell on his property off of Mondamin. Charlie noted that 1 acre lots were developed and are for sale.

5. Recommendations to Town Board

Katie recommends that once plans for the Big Bay property next to the ESB are received that they are shared with the Town Board, seconded by John, all ayes. Motion Carried.

6. Public Comment - none

7. Set Next Meeting Agenda and Date

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday 12/12/24 at 5pm

8. Adjourn

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

Minutes taken from recording and submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant
Minutes approved as presented 12/12/24. D. Goetsch, Clerical Assistant