

**Town of La Pointe
Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
Thursday February 13, 2025
5:00 pm Town Hall/Zoom
Minutes**

Members present: Katie Sanders (Chair), Charlie Bertel, Michael Kuchta, Mark Pass, John Nielsen and Lois Carlson
Members absent: Jim Peters, Jackie Noha and Samantha Dobson
Staff present: Max Imholte, Town Administrator

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Katie at 5pm.

2. Public Comment

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

A. January 9, 2025

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

4. Results of TB held on 1/14/25

Katie reported that the Town Board approved the request to be first in line for consideration for the property on Big Bay Road. They asked for a list of things accomplished and things that need to be done.

A. Next steps

Motion by Katie to swap items 5 and 6 on the agenda, seconded by Lois, all ayes. Motion Carried.

5. Site Development

Discussion on questions Charlie Bertel posed to the committee including: what do we want, rental, single family, etc.? Lengthy discussion what people think we need for units, planned unit developments in Duluth, what is the target cost of rent/payments.

Consensus to focus on multi-family rental units. Mark will research OneRoof multi-unit options, Michael will find target rent payments and research rental management options. Charlie will also explore rental management options.

Michael asked members to review the information he e-mailed regarding state WHEDA Infrastructure Access Loans which could cover the cost of sewer hook-up, well and road/driveway at 1% interest.

6. AH1 Zoning – Jim Peters

Charlie explained that the TPC wants to add Affordable Housing to the Zoning Ordinance re-write to suit what we are planning.

Katie asked why this is? Michael stated the current ordinance already has a Planned Unit Development option. Consensus to wait until Jim, who is on the TPC, can explain further.

- 7. Continued Discussion: how to present housing topics social media/public involvement**
Michael proposed to create a one page fact sheet on the AHAC past and future plans.
- 8. Public Comment**
- 9. Set Next Meeting Agenda and Date**
Next meeting scheduled for Thursday 3/13/25 at 5pm
- 10. Adjourn**
Motion by Charlie to adjourn, seconded by John, all ayes. Motion Carried.

Minutes taken from recording and submitted by Dorgene Goetsch, Clerical Assistant
Minutes approved as presented 3/13/25. D. Goetsch, Clerical Assistant