

# Draft Minutes -- Public Hearing For the Town of LaPointe

Concerning an Administrative Appeal to the Town Plan  
Commission's Decision to Allow  
Craftivity, Inc. to modify their Conditional Use Permit to allow  
lodging at 978 Middle Road Parcel 014-00178-0200  
Petitioners: Paul Brummer and Sara Owen

Tuesday, May 20, 2008, 6 p.m.

Present: Mike Starck, Jim Patterson, Greg Nelson, Ric Gillman, Beth Fischlowitz, Mike Fauerbach, Town's Attorney

Called to order at 6:10 P.M by Chairman Greg Nelson

Note: This body consists of Town Board Members in Accordance with the Town of La Pointe Zoning Ordinance. A majority or the entire LaPointe Town Board will likely be in attendance but will not convene as the Town Board. No Town Board business will be done, no motions made as the LaPointe Town Board, nor any business conducted, excepting as this posted Board of Appeals.

## 1. Convene

Consensus that the Hearing has been properly noticed after consultation with attorney.

Paul Brummer wants to speak without interruption.

Several points were made:

- Lois Carlson violated Town Plan Commission bylaws by at least appearance of conflict of interest in the matter of her step-daughter being employed by Craftivity.
- No evidence of lack of housing.
- Not consistent with surrounding uses.
- Comparison to Madeline Island Music Camp over simplified. Reads letter from Beth Fischlowitz protesting that CUP.
- Motel is not a seasonal dwelling

Sara Owen speaks:

- Lois Carson conflict of interest
- Conflicts with Smart Growth Plan
- Substantial Change in organization since inception – 501c-(3) to Craftivity, Inc. Is it the same owner?
- Feels that Mike Starck motion to approve the CUP sells the CUP rather than elucidates.

- School function and number of students has been decreasing each year.
- Town Plan Commission publicly coached Mr. Meech during meetings.
- Barn was removed when CUP stated that the barn shall not be removed.
- Sharon Stewart letter of support calls MISA a for profit entity.

Citizens in favor of petition:

Meg Brown: This is not about personality... the TPC has done an injustice to the community.

Troy Nelson: On record as opposing entire CUP

Charles Brummer: Adjacent property owner: Would like to see previously approved buildings completed. The existing CUP has not been fulfilled.

Ron Lohman: Bad precedent. Somewhere this CUP got out of hand.

Cile Naumann: One of the original objectors. Resents strong insinuation of her animosity to Mr. Meech. She does not know the man and is a supporter of the arts locally.

Ted Pallas: ZAP member when original permit was issued. He feels that it should be a Special Use Permit which is being decided. The original CUP stated that there would be no dorms.

Judy Patterson: This is a far-reaching decision. If dorms, then a restaurant?

Greg Nelson points out that this is only an amendment to the original CUP, not the entire CUP being discussed.

Citizens opposed to the petition:

Ed Kale: Progress is inevitable. MISA will bring development and increased tourism to area.

Jim Ryder: Need housing for students. His experience with Motel indicates that the Island was not able to provide enough housing for students.

Elaine Nelson: In favor of the building

Todd Carlson: Will not upset density balance. In reference to his wife Lois Carlson, Micaela is his daughter and is an independent adult. She was a temporary employee at Craftivity, inc.

Ben Ryder: Expresses support for the project.

Carl Broberg: States that there is no mention of conflict of interest in TPC bylaws and that they follow state statute.

Craig Benware: The project should move forward.

Suzy Flores: Housing is crucial for the project to continue.

Dick Hoffman: This is actually recreational and seasonal housing.

Gary Flores: He was originally a tourist. Hopes that more will come.

Marjorie Smith: Remembers the barn burning twice. The previous barn was not really historical.

Paul Brummer's final word: The original members of the MISA board are disaffected and this project could change the Island Forever.

Sara Owen's final word: Appealing because the housing is not a good fit.  
Paul Brummer suggests that Mike Starck recuse himself from any vote on the matter.

Exhibit I is packet prepared by Jen Croonborg, ZA  
Exhibit II is all the material that Paul Brummer submitted at the meeting.  
Exhibit III is the letters of support and opposition.

## 2. Adjourn

Mike Starck Moves – Jim Patterson Seconds – to adjourn. motion carries -- 5 ayes.  
Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.