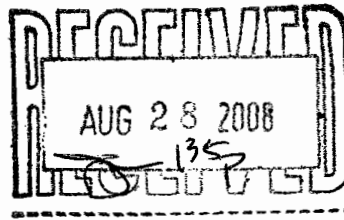


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Town Planning Commission
Town of LaPointe
P.O. Box 270
La Pointe, WI 54850



To the Members of the La Pointe Town Planning Committee:

As part owner of the Donohue-Mindrum residence, located at N-761 Main St in the town of LaPointe, I am writing to state my vigorous objection to the Town Planning Commission's proposed changes in the zoning ordinances. The proposals include changing part of the commercial (C-1) zone to the (R-2) zone, thereby allowing not only rental of multi-family dwellings, but also resorts and other forms of public lodging to be included with currently-allowed commercial enterprises.

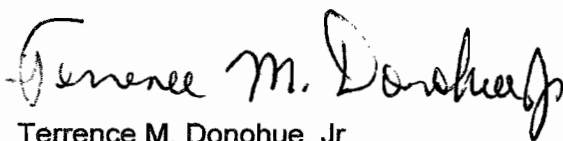
I strongly oppose this new proposal because it would have long-term effects on the downtown area and its surroundings. While the proposed zoning changes will likely generate temporary economic benefit for the town of La Pointe, it would create far greater problems of car traffic control, parking, sanitary waste disposal and overpopulation along stretches of road that, each summer, support an increasing amount of foot and vehicle traffic. In short, the net result of passing this measure would only compound current problems.

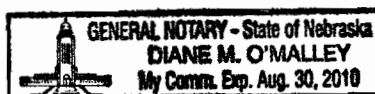
For 61 years I have shared ownership of our 114 year-old cottage that is located just to the southeast of the La Pointe downtown area. That house was built by my great grandfather, John O'Brien, as a refuge from normal city life. Over the years, Madeline Island has seen many changes, most of which have been improvements. However, the proposed zoning measure would defeat the idea of Madeline Island being a unique retreat for a summer vacation.

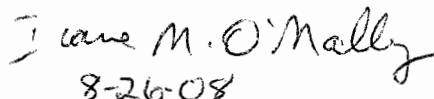
I respectfully request the members of the La Pointe Town Planning Commission to retain the current zoning ordinances and not allow the construction and rental of multi-family dwellings or of resorts and other forms of public lodging. This policy will be damaging to the serenity and pristine nature for which La Pointe, Madeline Island, is well known. I implore you to reconsider your motives.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this matter and for giving me the opportunity to state my concerns.

Sincerely,


Terrence M. Donohue, Jr.




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