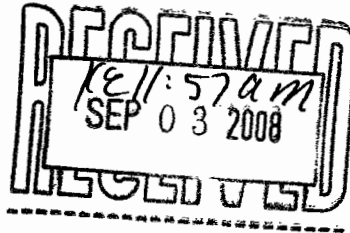


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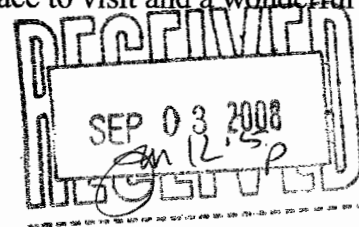


To Members of the Town Planning Commission:

It has come to my attention that once again an attempt is being made to rezone many areas on Madeline Island. Once again I write to express my concern. I am a summer resident of Madeline Island. Our family has owned the cabin at N761 Main Street since 1893. Since 1893, I think the Island could be called a quiet, relaxing, beautiful spot filled with charm, but it is once again being threatened to be built into something it is not and I think most Islanders, year-round and summer, like it for what it is.

I would describe Madeline as home to many year-round because, I believe, of their love of the Island and its raw beauty, its wilderness, and the simple life it offers. I would describe Madeline as a summer home to many others who also love the raw beauty of the wilderness and lake and the relaxed environment Madeline offers for a summer getaway. I hope never to describe Madeline as home to more Multiple Family Dwellings, Mobile Home Parks, Resorts, Hotels, and Motels.

We are neighbors. Neighbors who are related to each other, if not by blood (which happens quite often), by our love of the Island. We know many of each others faces and stories. I love to read about those I have yet to meet in the book "On the Rock," a book dedicated to those who make Madeline Island their home. There is still a lot of charm in "downtown" LaPointe (I hope to always use quotes when describing "downtown" LaPointe). The main road is still safe for riding a bike or walking, whether to church, the museum, the library, or to one of the many restaurants or shops. It is still safe for kids to walk to get an ice cream cone. This heart of La Pointe could easily be built up to be a big money maker. It has been done many places. What those places lost in the race for more income is their sense of community and charm. That is something money can't buy and once it is gone, it is gone. Visit Mackinac Island. It is like going to the state fair. They gave their Island away. We could make Madeline another destination for many to visit. I would rather keep it a quieter place to visit and a wonderful place to live, the gift that it is.



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Madeline's charm extends beyond "downtown" LaPointe. It extends down the roads toward the North end of the Island, toward Grant's Point, towards Big Bay, and towards Sunset Bay. One can drive, bike or walk along these main roads smelling the fresh Madeline air and looking out at the lupines, buttercups, daisies, and woods and listen to the sounds of the water and birds. Such places are already rare in the world today. We have it. Let us be careful not rezone these scenes into roads filled with trailers driving to a brand new Trailer Park, a thin layer of trees with a road leading to a Junk Yard, a Mobile Home Park, and Solid Waste Disposal Facilities. Let us be careful not to rezone the wilderness sounds into cars and trailers in a constant stream down what was once a quaint road. Do we need to provide a provisions for a conditional use permits in the Mixed Use Zone District for a Mobile Home Park and Auto Sales Establishments? The Island is not that big and its charm could easily get rezoned. Along with these changes come more visitors, which may mean more ferries, leading to more cars, noise, and pollution. Not to mention crowds at what are now relatively secluded, rustic public beaches.

I think the current permitted uses in the C-1 zoning are sufficient for the town LaPointe and the zoning should not be changed to R-2 or to include more multiple family rentals, mobile home parks, resorts, hotels, and motels. I think rezoning for more commercial growth in town is rezoning for small fast money interests. With rezoning could come higher taxes on "more valuable" property and those who have called Madeline home or their summer home for years could be forced to sell to those few who have the kind of money to support a resort town, not a community. There is a saying "Be careful what you ask for, you might just get it." There are many places to visit in Wisconsin, Madeline is one of them, but let's not build it into something we no longer feel is ours as we will never get it back.

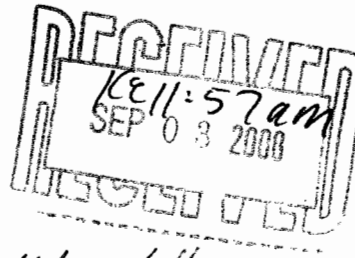
From those I talk with, what they love most about the Island is that it doesn't change much. My family fell in love with the Island before 1893. It has changed since then, but in many ways remains the same. I recognize there will be some change on the Island, but it should be carefully thought out and not zoned in mass increments. What is it we want Madeline to become? For me it is already more than we could dream for and build. You don't build charming, quiet, and quaint, they exist without embellishment. Madeline is one delightful constant we all have and I hope my children and their children can have this special spot they too can say hasn't really changed much and, therefore, is truly special and rare. Our, all Islanders', spot "On the Rock."

Sincerely,

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Subscribed and sworn to before me, Alexander A. Horgen, a Notary Public, on
2 September 2008.

