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To the La Pointe Town Plan Commission  
Information for the Public Hearing, February 18, 2009  
Please read this information at the hearing and retain this letter with minutes of the hearing.

I have read the information distributed regarding changes to the La Pointe zoning ordinance and note a Scenic Shoreland Preservation Overlay District is proposed for Old Fort Road from Chief Buffalo Lane to Grants Point. I own property within this area.

I also noted in a candidates for Town Board Supervisor questionnaire regarding zoning issues in the December 1, 2008 to January 20, 2009 issue of the *Island Gazette* that question number 5 asked, "Do you support some type of binding protection of historical areas and buildings on the island, for example, the Nebraska Row area or along Old Fort Road (Mission Hill area) down to Grant's Point or other historic areas or structures?"

Is there a correlation between the proposed Shoreland Preservation district and this question as both involve the same area of land? If there is, I wish to speak to any proposal for designation of this area with binding protection of historical areas and buildings.

Several years ago, those of us living in the Mission area were presented with a completed document designating our land and buildings for placement on the National Historic Register. This proposal for National Historic registration was done without our knowledge.

As president of our local historical society whose land and buildings are on the National Historic Register, I am very familiar with the process and reasons for registration. The Mission area owners reviewed the proposal and determined that without the presence of the Old Mission Inn and due to the extensive alterations to the cottages, there was little left of historical significance in our area, and thus was not a candidate for registration on the National Historic Register.

I see no reason for the Town of LaPointe to protect this historic area. What would be gained? There is nothing of historic significance to see. LaPointe's history including the Old Mission Inn era has been well documented at the museum and in a number of books, thus Madeline Island is not lacking in the documentation of its history. If the town proceeds any further with this proposal to place binding protection on the Mission Hill area, I hope you will have the courtesy to consult with the land owners prior to adding a historical protection district.

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