

**WASHINGTON ISLAND ZONING & PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING - Meeting Minutes
Wednesday October 23, 2023
Rutledge Room, Washington Island**

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by Chairman Doug Hansen

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Kickbush, Doug Hansen, Connie Smith, Larry Kahlscheuer, Susan Buchanan

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andrew Kehren

OTHERS PRESENT: None

2. APPROVAL of AGENDA: The agenda was approved as written. Motion by Smith, 2nd by Buchanan. **Motion passed** unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes October 11, 2023 meeting were approved as written. Motion by Buchanan, 2nd by Smith. **Motion passed** unanimously.

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

ACTION ITEMS:

5. a. TOW Comprehensive Plan – Review Previous Meeting minutes.

5. b. TOW Comprehensive Plan – Mail in survey discussion. Town Board approved survey proposal from Washington Island Observer, 1 stamp only on the mailing envelope and clarified coding for paper surveys. The Town Board also made changes to the survey and some of the questions, see previous packet. Doug to coordinate with school on student volunteers for stuffing envelopes.

Motion was made by Kickbush, 2nd by Buchanan to recommend to the Town Board that **the town board put out a press release via box holder making the community aware of the survey that was about to be sent out.** Motion passed unanimously.

5. c. TOW Comprehensive Plan – Discussion of revising survey questions, see previous town board packet with revised survey questions.

Motion was made by Kickbush, 2nd by Smith to recommend to the Town Board that **they approve the TOW Comprehensive Plan Survey draft with revisions (discussed at the 10-23-23 meeting).** The motion was made Kickbush, 2nd by Smith. Motion passed unanimously. Motion passed unanimously.

5. d. Opening for WIZAP Committee – No action taken.

6. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS: Door Co. Planning Department sent an email stating that they will be updating the Door CO. Comprehensive Plan and will be looking for input from local governments.

7. COMMUNITY INPUT: None.

8. BOARD INPUT: None.

9. NEXT MEETING: October 23, 2023 at 6:30pm.

10. ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Hanson to adjourn, 2nd by Smith. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Kickbush AIA
Secretary
Washington Island Zoning & Planning Committee



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Door County Land Use Services Department Invites the Public to Provide Input on the Door County Comprehensive and Farmland Preservation Plan Resource Report

Sturgeon Bay, WI, October 18th, 2023 - Door County is updating its comprehensive and farmland preservation plan in compliance with state requirements. The final plan will contain two volumes. Volume II, the Resource Report, contains all of the required information, inventories, analyses, and maps required by both the comprehensive and farmland preservation planning laws. The purpose of the Resource Report is to inventory current conditions and analyze statistical trends and projections to help identify future needs and opportunities. Volume I, Vision and Goals, will be drafted after input has been received on the Resource Report. Volume I addresses the issues, opportunities, and vision statements for the required topic areas, and the overall plan goals, policies, and action items. Volume I is expected to be available to the public for input in the first half of 2024.

The County adopted a Public Participation Plan in early 2023 which outlines the process for gathering public input for both Volumes. Your input regarding the Resource Report and associated maps is important for helping us draft Volume I, Vision and Goals. The Public Participation Plan and more information and instructions for reviewing and commenting on the Resource Report and associated maps, including the current land use map, are available on-line here:

<https://www.co.door.wi.gov/492/13329/Planning>.

Comments regarding the Resource Report may be submitted at any time by e-mail to rkerwin@co.door.wi.us, by FAX to (920) 746-2387, or by mail to Door County Land Use Services Department, 421 Nebraska Street, Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235. Please submit your input by January 15th, 2024. Note that input will be taken at any time throughout the planning process, however, that week in January we will start using the Resource Report input to help us finalize a draft of Volume I, Vision and Goals. Please contact Becky Kerwin at (920) 746-2323 or rkerwin@co.door.wi.us with any questions or inquiries.

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PRESS RELEASE November 6, 2023

GLIA Holds Retreat in Cedarville, Michigan to Help Island Communities in the Great Lakes Prepare for the Future

The Steering Committee of the Great Lakes Islands Alliance (GLIA) met from October 2-5 in Cedarville, Michigan, near the Les Cheneaux islands in northern Lake Huron with a challenging task – decide how the Alliance can best support the residents of islands as they face environmental and socio-economic issues over the next 10 years.

GLIA is a voluntary, collaborative, bi-national network that brings together leaders from 20 inhabited islands across all five Great Lakes. Established in 2018, the self-imposed mission of GLIA is to “enhance relationship building, foster the exchange of information, and leverage resources to address shared challenges and embrace opportunities that benefit islands.”

The Alliance coordinates discussions across two primary focus areas: (1) environmental stewardship such as biodiversity conservation, Great Lakes water quality and water levels, and waste management, and (2) socio-economic well-being, with such far-ranging topics as tourism, ferries, housing, education and local governance.

Many of the topics discussed by GLIA are also relevant to mainland communities; however, GLIA has found that the specific challenges – and their potential solutions – are different for isolated communities surrounded by water.

Now five years old, GLIA is looking to the future. The October meeting served as a leadership retreat for its steering committee plus several advisors. GLIA’s Steering Committee consists of islanders from each of the five Great Lakes. An outside facilitator from the Island Institute, a valued partner from Rockland, Maine, led the ten participants through a series of visioning, brainstorming, and prioritization exercises.

The purpose of the Retreat was to recognize GLIA’s current operations and impact, and then decide what changes are needed to help grow the network and provide support to islands so they can sustain themselves now and into the future.

The Retreat drew attention to the need for GLIA to contribute to solving problems such as the high cost of housing, inability of the hospitality industry to find employees, invading shoreline plants, loss of biodiversity, enhancing tourism, emergency preparedness, keeping young people on islands, and disposal of garbage and large debris. GLIA recognizes that Great Lakes islands are on the front line of impacts from climate change and that island communities need help in building resilience in the face of many adverse changes.

Participants have learned from global events. For example, the recent disaster in Maui and the numerous forest fires in western Canada are causing islanders here to consider their own risk from forest fires or other catastrophes.

Retreat participants questioned if any of the Great Lakes islands had prevention or response plans in place in their own communities. They pondered if GLIA could serve as a resource to compile and share plans from individual islands – response plans, master plans, tourism or recreation plans, housing plans and more – or more importantly, the processes by which they are developed, funded, and implemented.

After discussing how these issues play out on different islands, participants debated if and how GLIA can assist with finding and implementing solutions for 20 unique communities across the vast region. As a diffuse, virtual network, it does not have dozens of staff or a central physical office.

One outcome of the Retreat was confirmation that GLIA does have a role to play and would benefit from additional capacity. This could be either through more volunteers from islands or perhaps paid employees to help with tasks such as program development, marketing and communications, fund raising, and assembling and distributing island data.

Ultimately, the results of the Retreat will help create a 10-year strategic plan for GLIA. This roadmap is expected to be released in early 2024.

GLIA continues to leverage its relationships with other organizations and networks around the region and world. These include the Maine Islands Coalition, a 15-island association in coastal Maine that is facilitated by the Island Institute, which was the original inspiration for GLIA.

While in Cedarville, the Retreat participants met with local officials and toured facilities serving the Les Cheneaux Islands as well as Drummond Island, 45 minutes to the east.

The Retreat was made possible by generous funding from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, managed by The Stewardship Network, a non-profit out of Ann Arbor, Michigan which serves as GLIA's fiscal sponsor.

Membership in GLIA is free and open to all Great Lakes islanders. For information on GLIA, see <https://glialliance.org/> or contact Angela LeFevre-Welke, Chair, GLIA Steering Committee at angel@islandairways.com or Matt Preisser, GLIA Coordinator, at PreisserM@michigan.gov.