

1. Placemaking: Create a sense of place and belonging to the community. Capitalize on what we have. Business Opportunities. Identity. Branding – benches and signs. How to balance economic development with natural resources. Pursue funding for grants. Health Care needs, Broadband technology and internet and affordable housing. Dark Sky. Coastal Dynamics – Water trails, coastline retention, water levels. There is data collected from the Army Corps of Engineers regarding water level trends 15-20 year cycles.
2. Strengthen the master plan – Achievable and attainable shared vision for the island. Grant Funding. Accessibility. Sharing communication with other island communities; Great Lakes Island Alliance (GLIA) and Northern Lake Michigan Islands (NLMIC).. Affordable Collaborative. Housing is a major concern for employees, workforce and visitors. Internet updated to fiber/stability/speed. At present the focus is in the areas where need is greatest. Get more broadband consortium information to LIAA, along with Information from Maine Institute, GLIA and NLMIC. Health Care and Transportation improvements (roads). Two categories of Transportation: On and off the island by plane or ferry and the county roads on the island. Transportation Authority – Survey has been sent. Rental cars and Transit Bus. Coastal Management piece in the plan.
3. Changes on the island – Rental and seasonal residents, younger population, work, reliable internet, age in place. Demographics Are changing. Light pollution. Attainable and reasonable goals. What can be achieved with the resources we have. Longer range plans for the future. Unity between the island organizations. Grant funding is dependent on what the immediate needs are for the island. Economic Development and Capital Improvement to be researched for need.
4. Improvements needed on the island; Housing, dentistry, physical therapy, counseling, fitness, services, maintenance building trades, transfer station (single stream), resiliency partnerships, Alternative power sources. New residents with younger population. Providing services to all demographics. Pandemic was a contributing factor in change. Review residential housing pricing
5. To Improve: Recap of the above comments. Beaver Island Historical Society – Cultural management. Inclusion of the archipelago of outer islands which are part of St. James Township. Dark Sky update light pollutions. Electrical Power generation improvement and increase. Renewable energy. Zoning updates

regarding high water with new building construction. Use of Kahoot interactions to get public comments in real time.

Homework for next meeting with LIAA: 1. Vision Statement. 2. Guiding Principles. 3. Pages 126-134.

Timeline: Redefined: Public Open House (In person) Virtual Public survey. Volunteers to help with open house 3-4 people. Chart with Tasks assigned. (refer to PowerPoint).

Public Comment (Limit 2 minutes) Norgaard – Community solar and sustainability. Sramek: Coast dynamics on inland lakes as well and Outer archipelago islands. Will Coastal Management grant cover delving into those coast lines? This may be part of a Zoning Audit.

Inland lakes: DNR, EGLE, US Fish and Wildlife, SHPO, Tribes, Watershed Council.

Agenda: Timeline, Homework, Approval of Minutes (3)

3:30PM
Motion carries.

ADJOURNMENT Peaine Motion by Welke, 2nd by Lyle

Croswhite Motion Carries

St. James Motion by Lori Taylor-Blitz 2nd by

NEXT JOINT MEETING: MAY 23, 2022 @ 3:30PM Peaine Township Hall.