

Housing Task Force Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 9, 2022, at 10 am Durham Council Chambers

Members Present:

Heather Grant, Chair
Richard England
Charlotte Hitchcock
Al Howland
Sally Tobias – Council Rep.

By Zoom – Nick Taylor, Advisor to Committee (Executive Director of the Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast) and Michael Behrendt, Town Planner

Members Absent : Tom Elliott, Mimi Kell (Madbury Properties)

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Heather Grant.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: March and April meeting minutes were approved.

Updates from Town Staff and Boards related to Housing:

Sally Tobias -Town Council met on the Solar Ordinance and will have a public hearing at the next Council meeting.

Nick Taylor provided summary on Regional meeting in Exeter on housing. Update on the approval at State level of funding for various housing initiatives. The Town of Lee has created a Housing Committee with its first hearing tonight.

Discussion-

Rich Raine and Todd Selig attended the meeting to discuss water/sewer infrastructure and any strategies the town may have. Current focus is on capital funding for maintenance/update. New housing projects would need to be evaluated individually to look at infrastructure options. Todd gave history on Town investments that had been made.

The challenge for infrastructure is costs going up. Higher build prices drive need for higher density to make projects feasible. This density is also the smaller footprints that are desired for younger and older people searching for this housing option.

Using the GIS system coming on line to we could review possible lots and do analysis of potential. We will work to continue with our zoning update and then move to this analysis.

Conservation subdivision zoning was reviewed for changes, we did not get through the whole section, so will continue to next meeting.

Adjournment –

The meeting concluded at 11:56 a.m.

Next Meeting-

Review will continue with regards to suggested zoning changes for the Conservation Subdivision.