

Housing Task Force Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 22, 2022, at 10 am Durham Council Chambers

Members Present:

Heather Grant, Chair
Tom Elliott
Richard England
Charlotte Hitchcock
Al Howland
Mimi Kell (Madbury Properties)
Sally Tobias – Council Rep.
Michael Behrendt, Town Planner

By Zoom –

Members Absent : Nick Taylor

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

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: July meeting minutes were approved.

Updates from Town Staff and Boards related to Housing:

Sally Tobias -Town Council -updates were provided

Heather Grant – update on Planning Board projects, mentioning two subdivision submittals, which would add two potential single home lots for building. It was also noted that an detached ADU over a garage was approved at the zoning board where normally the RB zone only allows attached ADUs.

Al Howland – brought up the challenge with developing composting town wide, looking to join with other towns to create a regional compost strategy. Mr. Fox is not big enough to support town curbside compost pick up, and we are too small for larger waste management firms.

Discussion-

-Sally brought information on home sales. Strafford County \$430K medium home sale value. In Durham it was \$640K. Homes on the market in Durham are still selling quickly, even with interest rates rising.

Continued Zoning Review - Draft changes were scrubbed. We approved with minor changes that move to present the suggested zoning changes to the Planning Board.

Powerpoint presentation draft will be sent to everyone to review for suggested improvements.

Adjournment –

The meeting concluded at 11:30 a.m.

Next Meeting- September 12 with review of Housing TaskForce Presentation for the Planning Board zoning package. Any other updates on Housing statistics or New Hampshire updates on housing initiatives.