

## **Housing Task Force Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, September 12, 2022, at 10 am Durham Police Conf. Rooms**

### **Members Present:**

Heather Grant, Chair

Tom Elliott

Richard England

Al Howland

Nick Taylor, Advisor to Committee (Executive Director of the Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast)

Michael Behrendt, Town Planner

**By Zoom – MEETING HELD AT DURHAM POLICE CONFERENCE ROOM** due to conflict with Town Hall Chambers. Zoom was unavailable remotely.

**Members Absent :** Charlotte Hitchcock, Mimi Kell (Madbury Properties), Sally Tobias

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

**Public Comments:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** August meeting minutes were approved.

### **Updates from Town Staff and Boards related to Housing:**

Tom Elliott gathered information on Durham home sales from the Town Assessor. Data reflected continued growth in sales prices.

### **Discussion-**

-The group discussed whether the extension of the Housing Task Force should be requested, with the current approval of the Town Council was to have the task force end on October 1, 2022. The consensus was that there should be a group that continues to advocate for housing in Durham.

-Powerpoint presentation draft "Why Housing Matters in Durham" was reviewed and suggestions for improvement made.

-Tom Elliott raised the need of posting the Housing Task Force proposed zoning draft of changes. Discussion around when we would be ready to post the draft lead to the conclusion we would not be ready to do this prior to the Town Council presentation, but would be ready by the end of that week. At the August meeting, the draft was voted as approved to proceed, understanding that minor changes were to be completed by Michael. Based on Michael's busy schedule, he needed time to complete the changes.

### **Adjournment –**

The meeting concluded at (approximately) 11:50.

**Next Meeting-** October 10, if approval for extension provided by Town Council.