

MINUTES
Durham Housing Task Force
October 7, 2025
10:00 am – Council Chambers

Housing Task Force members present

Sally Tobias, chair
Heather Grant, Town Council Representative
Al Howland
Michael Mulhern
Paul Rasmussen, Planning Board Representative
Judith Spang

Michael Behrendt, Town Planner
Maeve Nolan, Workforce Housing Coalition, Advisor to Task Force

Others present

Darrell Ford, Town Council member
Jay Gooze on Zoom
Ken Holmes, UNH
Todd Selig, Town Administrator
Carden Welsh, Town Council member

Call to Order. Sally called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Al Howland gave an update to various housing initiatives in Concord.

Proposed Zoning Amendments – Public Presentation and Discussion. Sally gave a powerpoint explaining the zoning amendments developed by the Housing Task Force. These involve changes to the Table of Uses, Table of Dimensions, and text of the ordinance. The purpose is to expand housing opportunities in Durham.

The amendments will be presented to the Planning Board for formal consideration in the coming months as the board's schedule permits. Carden Welsh asked several questions. Then Ken Holmes spoke about the relationship between UNH and the town regarding housing. He said that UNH can now house 6400 students on campus. Their consultant has suggested reducing that capacity to 5,500 students. The goal of UNH is to house 50% of their students on campus. They are close to that now.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Behrendt, Durham Town Planner

These minutes have not been approved by the task force.