

Housing Task Force Meeting Minutes

Monday, July 11, 2022, at 10 am Durham Council Chambers

Members Present:

Heather Grant, Chair

Richard England

Charlotte Hitchcock

Al Howland

Mimi Kell (Madbury Properties)

Sally Tobias – Council Rep.

Michael Behrendt, Town Planner

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

By Zoom – Tom Elliott

Members Absent :

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

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes: June meeting minutes were approved.

Updates from Town Staff and Boards related to Housing:

Sally Tobias -Town Council -updates were provided.

Nick Taylor – update on Invest NH, guidance for developers was released last week, still waiting on \$5million specifics for Municipal projects, thought to be released by the end of July.

Heather Grant – update on Planning Board projects

Discussion-

-Sally commented that the New Hampshire Realtors Assoc. released that June median price of homes went up by 13% from last year to \$460K.

-Richard added that rental housing market is predicted to continue to increase, even as the housing market may soften with increased interest rates.

-Charlotte presented a summary of a remote meeting from the 5th Annual Hudson Valley Affordable Housing Summit that she attended.

Interesting observations in smart growth, “resilient, equitable, age-friendly communities”. Municipal long term planning where development of a vision and plan can move housing forward with a mix of senior and multifamily dwellings of affordable and market rate housing.

Importance of ADUs to increase density, many towns limit ADU growth through zoning.

-Michael – Handout for Zoning for ADU could add background to create a brochure to educate the public on possibility to have an ADU.

Continued Zoning Review - Draft changes were scrubbed, we stopped at page 102 and asked everyone to provide any feedback of last pages. We will review final edits at August 8 meeting.

Adjournment –

The meeting concluded at 11:59 a.m.

Next Meeting-August 8 meeting, will hope to confirm zoning draft is ready for submittal to the Planning Board.

