

Housing Advisory Committee

Nowak Room, Exeter Town Office Building

Friday, October 11, 2019

**Draft Meeting Minutes**

Attendance: Nancy Belanger, Dave Sharples, John Mueller, Molly Cowan (select board representative) and Pete Cameron

Also in attendance: Julie Gilman, NH State Representative and Select Board member; Sarah Wrightsman, Executive Director of Workforce Housing Greater Seacoast.

Meeting began at 8:35 am

- a. Review and approval of meeting minutes: September 13, 2019 meeting minutes approved
- b. New Business/ Old Business:

We rescheduled our November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting to November 15, 2019 so members of the advisory committee are available to attend the 2019 Workforce Housing Summit being held at the Wentworth-Douglass Hospital Garrison Wing Conference Center in Dover, NH on November 8, 2019 from 8 am to 10 am.

We will be invite Peter Francese to our November 15, 2019 meeting to talk about Communities and Consequences 2.

- c. Update on multi-unit/story map: This storyboard project is for educational purposes. Julie Gilman will provide history on our housing stock has evolved. We discussed having a “special meeting” and have EXTV film it. Julie would give the history and then we would give a brief overview of the storyboard and how to use it. The storyboard would then be available for to view on the town website.
- d. MTAG (Municipal Technical Assistance Grant) update: The next step is that draft zoning ordinance(s) will be provided to our Planner by the end of October for discussion and consideration.

- e. Julie Gilman (Exeter State Representative and Select Board member) discussed:

**“Tiny House Committee” at the NH State House:**

They are being referred to as “Tiny homes”.

The original bill was retained to add more concise language and provisions to consider (i.e. Limit square feet, as accessory dwelling units, water/sewer connections (ex must be connected if town provides however sewer may be alternative source; 3<sup>rd</sup> party compliance process; zoning;

There is a Tiny Homes Association in NH with approximately 400 owners.

**New housing appeals board:** 3 Full time members: 1 attorney, 1 either an engineer or surveyor and the 3<sup>rd</sup> undefined, all with no conflict of interest. There is also going to be one staff member (part time)

The board will schedule a hearing within 90 days and issue a decision within 60 days.

This will free up the courts and offer reduced litigation costs.

An option to file an appeal of a town board’s decision instead of going through court. The Board will have the authority to override any land use board. The choice will be to either go to this Board or the Superior Court and then to the NH Supreme Court for any appeals. The Board will be bound by same rules of law as the Court.

This will provide a method to identifying communities not complying with workforce housing laws. This will also cover mixed use.

For projects that are “conditionally approved”: Developer must show those conditions are not economically viable.

- f. Other: We scheduled our next work session for storyboard for Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> 8:30 to 10 am in the Nowak Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Belanger

Chair of Housing Advisory Committee