

Housing Advisory Committee

Friday, January 10, 2020 Meeting

**Draft Meeting Minutes**

In Attendance: Dave Sharples (Planning Department), Russ Dean (Town Manager), Molly Cowan (Select Board Representative), Nancy Belanger, John Mueller, Pete Cameron (Planning Board Representative), and Lindsay Sonnett.

Also in attendance: Sarah Wrightsman, Executive Director of Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast.

Absent: Tim Roache, Executive Director of Rockingham Planning Commission

Meeting began at 8:30 am

- a.** Review and approval of meeting minutes: December 13, 2019 meeting minutes approved. January 7, 2020 work session minutes approved.
- b.** New Business/ Old Business:
  1. 2020 Meeting dates were provided.
  2. Eric Chinburg was our guest speaker. Mr. Chinburg was the developer of Watson Woods in Exeter. There was a general discussion about his experiences over the years with affordable housing and how density and incentives play a role in a developers future considerations, etc.
  3. MTAG: Discussion on the January 9, 2020 Planning Board meeting on MUND (Mixed Use Neighborhood Development). The first draft was presented to the Planning Board. Their next meeting will be next Thursday, December 19, 2020. There will be a public hearing and the final draft that will have additional language per their discussion and input during the January 9, 2020 meeting, specifically whether to change the height restriction in the upper Lincoln Street Area (C1 Zone) from the current 35 feet to 50 feet.
  4. The next phase of the storyboard project will be to enter historical data. Robert at Rockingham Planning Commission sent us the most recent update to the map on January 7, 2020.

5. Sarah Wrightsman summarized a Rockingham County Planning meeting where the Governors Housing Taskforce was discussed. The first public hearings for HB 1632 and HB 1629 are scheduled back-to-back on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at the NH State House, specifically:

- January 21st at 930am. House Municipal and County Government, LOB 301. **HB 1629** - relative to training and procedures for zoning and planning boards.
- January 21st at 1030am. House Municipal and County Government, LOB 301. **HB 1632** - relative to financial investments and incentives for affordable housing development.

Our next meeting will be on Friday, February 14, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Belanger  
Chair, Housing Advisory Committee