

Housing Advisory Committee

Friday, May 14, 2021

Draft Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 am via Zoom

In attendance: Russ Dean, Town Manager; Pete Cameron, Planning Board Representative; Lindsay Sonnett, Nancy Belanger, Lovey Roundtree Oliff, Select Board Representative.

Absent: Dave Sharples, Town Planner; Tim Roache, Executive Director, Rockingham Planning Commission.

Also in attendance: Sarah Wrightsman, Director of Seacoast Workforce Housing; Nancy Carmer, Economic Development Manager, City of Portsmouth; John Tinios, Owner of Galley Hatch (Hampton) and Popovers (Portsmouth/Epping); and Justin Rivlin, General Manager from the River House, Portsmouth.

- a. Review and approval of meeting minutes: April 9, 2021 draft meeting minutes were tabled to the June 11, 2021 meeting.
- b. Darren Winham, our Economic Development Director introduced invited community leaders and business owners from surrounding towns to talk about how our current workforce housing inventory in Exeter and in our neighboring communities is affecting businesses and their ability to hire and retain employees.
- c. The committee discussed next steps to forward the conversation regarding workforce housing. We will be inviting our local and area Chamber of Commerce and other Economic Development Directors to get their perspective.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Belanger, Chair