

Housing Advisory Committee

Friday, June 11, 2021

Draft Meeting Minutes

This meeting was held from 8:30 a.m. to 9:43 am via Zoom

In attendance: Dave Sharples, Town Planner; Pete Cameron, Planning Board Representative; Nancy Belanger and Kathy Corson.

Absent: Russ Dean, Town Manager; Lovey Roundtree Oliff, Select Board Representative; Tim Roache, Executive Director, Rockingham Planning Commission; and Lindsay Sonnett.

Also in attendance: Dan Barufaldi, Economic Development Director, Dover, NH; Reid Amy, Economic Development Deputy Director, Dover, NH; Christine Soutter, Economic Development Director, Durham, NH; Jenn March, Economic Development Assistant Director, Rochester, NH; Bev Donovan, Economic Development Coordinator, Derry, NH; and Robin Comstock, Economic Development Manager, Somersworth, NH.

- a. Review and approval of meeting minutes: April 9, 2021 and May 14, 2021 draft meeting minutes were tabled to our July 9, 2021 meeting.
- b. Darren Winham, our Economic Development Director introduced invited Economic Development department heads and community leaders from are towns and cities to discuss how our current workforce housing inventory in our neighboring and regional 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. Darren Winham will be inviting our local and area Chamber of to get their perspective and further our discussion on the needs of our business and how housing stock is affecting businesses.

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Belanger, Chair