

Housing Advisory Committee
Friday February, 11, 2022
AMENDED MEETING MINUTES

Our meeting was held from 8:35 a.m. to 9:15 am in the Nowak Room. There was a brief recess and the meeting resumed from 9:30 to 10 am.

In attendance: Russ Dean, Town Manager; Dave Sharples, Town Planner; Pete Cameron, Planning Board Representative; Tim Roache, Executive Director, Rockingham Planning Commission; Lindsay Sonnett, Nancy Belanger and Kathy Corson. Absent: Lovey Roundtree Oliff, Select Board Representative.

Also in attendance: Darren Winham, Economic Development Director; Sarah Tatarczuk, Regional Planner at Rockingham Planning Commission; Sarah Wrightsman of NH Housing; Nick Taylor, Executive Director Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast; Niko Papakonstantis, Select Board Chair; Jennifer Perry, Director of Public Works; Melissa Roy, Assistant Town Manager; US Congressman Christopher Pappas and Kari Thurman, District Director for Congressman Pappas.

- a. **Review and approval of meeting minutes:** January 14, 2022 draft meeting minutes were reviewed. There were no amendments.
- b. **Other:** Congressman Chris Pappas spoke to our committee and department heads about the infrastructure bill and what the available funding in this bill means for NH. There was discussion on how infrastructure, housing needs and other aspects of this bill interact. There was a question-and-answer period that followed. This portion of our meeting was filmed and is available through EXTV.

After a brief recess our meeting resumed:

- c. There is no update on our “Regional Conversation on Housing” scheduled for May 6, 2022.
- d. Dave Sharples has some things in the works with Horsley Witten Group and will proceed once the March 8th vote results are in so he knows what his budget is for 2022 and what available study funds he will have.
- e. There was discussion on using our Storyboard Map and offering a walk around town to help those interested visualize our current stock and how we could use this information to for our future needs.
- f. **New Business/Old Business/Other:** Darren Winham asked the committee to consider ways that workforce housing could be approached in NH; ie public/private options, Housing Opportunity Zone (79E). The committee was asked to consider this and will discuss this again at our next meeting on May 11, 2022.

Our next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Belanger, Chair