

Housing Advisory Committee

Friday, September 8, 2023

Draft meeting minutes with attachment

Our meeting was held from 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in the Nowak Room.

In attendance: Lindsay Sonnett, Chair; Nancy Belanger, Select Board Representative and Russ Dean, Town Manager.

Also in attendance: Nick Taylor, Director of Seacoast Workforce Housing; Dave Sharples, Exeter Town Planner; Darren Winham, Exeter Economic Development Director; Doug Eastman, Exeter Building Inspector, Victoria Healy, Rockingham Planning Commission Regional Planner and Julie Gilman, Exeter Select Board and Exeter State Representative.

Absent: Pete Cameron, Planning Board Representative and Tim Roche, Director of Rockingham Planning Commission.

- A. Continued discussion regarding 79E: 3 options discussed were to keep as is, revise or sunset.

Other considerations: Making it nontransferable, focusing on particular districts, amending the number of years allowed.

The discussion concluded with a recommendation to focus on the MUND to support workforce housing options. 79E at this time is no longer a tool to use in our community based on our status and needs.

From now until March, the Town Manager, planning department, building and economic development departments will meet to discuss applications and provide a recommendation to the Select Board.

- B. The Committee discussed the logistics of visiting Maggie and John Randolph's housing project in Dover, NH. on September 13th at 5pm. Members of the Planning Board were also included in the invite. A joint agenda is posted on the town website.
- C. Julie Gilman and Nick Taylor provided legislative updates on housing.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsay Sonnett, Chair