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TOWN OF WALPOLE

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Board/ Committee: Walpole Housing Partnership

Meeting Date: February 7, 2018 Time: 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Town Hall, Room 116

Members Present: Willa Bandler, Philip Czachorowski, Andrew Flowers, Audrey Grace

Members Not Present: Jeanne Nikola

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m.

2. Election of officers:

A motion was made by Mr. Flowers and seconded by Ms. Grace to make Mr. Czachorowski the acting chair until the election of officers. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

A motion was made by Mr. Czachorowski and seconded by Mr. Flowers to defer election of officers until all members are present. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. General business:

a. Pertinent Reports or Information.

As this is the first meeting of the partnership in five year, the members developed a list of relevant reports or information that would be pertinent to the Committee's work:

- WHP Executive Summary
- Housing Production Plan 2013 Update
- Walpole Master Plan, 2009 Update
- Walpole Downtown Action Plan, August 2015
- Testimony regarding the Housing Choice Initiative (<https://youtu.be/FmaOjZmJqSs>)
- Memorandum regarding an Act to Promote Housing Choices (<https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2017/12/22/An%20Act%20to%20Promote%20Housing%20Choices.pdf>)
- MassHousing (<https://www.masshousing.com>)
- Massachusetts Housing Partnership (<https://www.mhp.net/>)
- Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/housing-and-community-development>)

- Fair Housing Center of Great Boston (<http://www.bostonfairhousing.org/>)
- Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance (<https://mahahome.org/>)
- Northeastern's Dukakis Center (<http://www.northeastern.edu/dukakiscenter/>)

b. Pertinent State and Local Partnerships.

The members further compiled a list of boards, committees, and people with whom the Committee would like to meet:

- Planning Board
- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Walpole Housing Authority
- Walpole Historical Commission
- Board of Selectmen
- Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development
- The Town Planner
- The Building Department

c. Analysis of Comparable Towns.

The members agreed to connect with or research other towns that are comparable to Walpole. The selectmen are very interested in seeing an analysis of comparable towns.

d. Next Steps

Finally, the members held an open discussion on the next steps of the Partnership, including defining its mission, assessing and updating the 2013 Housing Production Plan, locating opportunities for funding, and reporting its findings back to the Board of Selectmen.

4. New business:

Mr. Flowers gave an update on the state's housing choice initiative and the potential for Walpole to access additional revenue for affordable housing.

5. Next meeting: The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 21st at 7:30 p.m.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Audrey M. Grace

Minutes Approved by Committee on: February 21, 2018

Chairperson Signature: Andrew Flowers