

MINUTES

Walpole Housing Partnership Committee

August 29th, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.

Town Hall, 135 School Street

Room 116

Members Present: Willa Bandler, Andrew Flowers, Audrey Grace,
George Hodges, Michael Teeley, Denise Landry (nonvoting)

Others Present: Gino Carlucci, Manisha Bewtra

1. **The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM**
2. **Consultant Gino Carlucci presents a portion of revised Housing Production Plan**
Sections presented: Statistics; Goals & Objectives; and Implementation Strategies

Ms Grace expresses a desire for a plan with stronger implementation strategies, and also wants to know if the new HPP will be ready in time for a Fall Town Meeting presentation or by the end of 2018. Mr Carlucci says probably not in time for Fall Town Meeting, but probably before the end of the year.

Mr Flowers notes that the town's percentage of affordable housing will drop when the denominator changes with the 2020 census, and wants to make sure that is made clear in the plan.

Since the limited budget only allows for the required three public meetings by Mr Carlucci, it is agreed that the committee members will conduct additional public outreach and listening sessions ourselves.

3. Manisha Bewtra of the Massachusetts Housing Partnership

Ms Bewtra explains what the MHP does (serves as a community bank, plus technical assistance, linking people with consultants, data gathering), and encourages committee members to use the Housing Toolbox on their website at housingtoolbox.org. She then models a community outreach presentation, combining data on the trends and projections showing the great need for affordable housing with questions designed to locate each participant within the dialogue and within the community to gain buy-in for the idea that affordability strengthens the community.

4. The Board of Selectmen plans to increase HPC membership

Mr Flowers says they have 6-7 applicants, and plan to appoint at least 2 more, possibly 4 more, increasing the committee size to either 9 or 11 members.

5. Next meeting to be held September 12th at 7:00 PM

6. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms Grace and seconded by Mr Hodges
VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Willa Bandler

Minutes Approved by Committee on:

2/20/19

Chairperson Signature:

Andrew Flowers