

# MINUTES

Walpole Housing Partnership Committee

August 6th, 2019, 6:00 PM

Town Hall, 135 School Street

Room 116

Members Present: Willa Bandler, Liz Barrows, Andrew Flowers,  
Audrey Grace, Michael Teeley, Denise Landry (nonvoting)  
Others Present: Joe Moraski

**1. The meeting was called to order at 6:19 PM**

**2. Approval of minutes**

A motion to table approval of the minutes from July 16th and July 18th was made by Mr Flowers, seconded by Ms Bandler, and voted on by the members then present: Ms Bandler, Mr Flowers, Ms Grace, and Mr Teeley.

VOTE: 4-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

**3. Updates on Inclusionary Zoning Bylaw and Housing Trust Outreach**

- Ms Bandler has attended meetings of the Historical Commission and the Housing Authority.
- Mr Flowers has spoken to some Select Board members and left messages for others; he has also left messages for members of the Economic Development Council.
- Ms Grace will schedule a meeting with our contacts at the Mass Housing Partnership towards the end of August.
- Mr Teeley has reached out to the Senior Center and Council on Aging; the CoA will work with him to set up a community outreach session.

- Mr Teeley has created a spreadsheet for us to fill in with details about other towns' bylaws.
- We will create a more general version of the Mass Housing Inclusionary Design Worksheet to offer to members of the public.
- We will collect the copies of the Inclusionary Design Worksheet distributed to other boards and committees by September 6th. Worksheets may be emailed to Ms Grace at [audreyforwalpole@gmail.com](mailto:audreyforwalpole@gmail.com), mailed to Ms Bandler at 555 Winter St, or mailed to Town Hall, where we have a mailbox.
- Mr Moraski thinks it might be easier to pass the Housing Trust at Town Meeting without the IZB, though it is not clear what its purpose or funding source would then be.

#### **4. Report from Denise Landry re: housing needs**

Ms Landry shares anonymized spreadsheet showing demographics of those waiting for the small number of public housing units and vouchers available. Local preference is allowed, letting those who already live or work in Walpole move up the list more quickly than others, so in practice, only local residents actually receive housing, but even so, there is a multi-year wait. There are 441 local households waiting for one of 95 Section 8 vouchers allocated for Walpole, and 650 waiting for one of 130 senior/family public housing units.

#### **5. Meeting with the Board of Selectmen at 7:45.**

Ms Grace will ask the Board to place the Inclusionary Zoning bylaw on the warrant for us, while making clear that we will provide them with the specific bylaw language, in consultation with them, members of the Planning Board, etc. We plan to have the language finalized by September 20th.

#### **6. Meeting with the Planning Board on August 15th.**

The Planning Board will meet with us at 7:45 PM; we will meet as a committee prior to that, at 6:00 PM, to prepare.

**7. Community Outreach Plan**

Ms Bandler will reserve space at the library for a community outreach/listening session on September 9th; we will reach out specifically to elected Town Meeting Representatives, to provide information to them about the content of the articles.

**8. Reference**

Documents presented:

- Spreadsheet from Ms Landry on demographics of those waiting for housing
- Partially filled out spreadsheet from Mr Teeley to use as we gather information from other towns with IZBs

**9. Next meeting to be held August 15th at 6:00 PM**

**10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr Teeley and seconded by Mr Flowers.

VOTE: 5-0-0 UNANIMOUS.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Willa Bandler

Minutes Approved by Committee on: 9/9/19

Chairperson Signature:

