



Commonwealth of Massachusetts
**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

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September 10, 2021

Mark Gallivan, Chair
Walpole Select Board
Walpole Town Hall
135 School Start
Walpole, MA 02081

RE: Housing Production Plan - Certification Approval

Dear Mr. Gallivan:

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed the Town of Walpole's August 26, 2021 request for certification of compliance with its Housing Production Plan (HPP). In order for a municipality to be certified the following needs to occur:

- Housing units affordable to low and moderate income households and eligible for inclusion on the Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI) have been produced during one calendar year, the same year for which certification is requested during the initial year of SHI eligibility.
- Units must total at least 0.5% (45) units for Walpole of year-round housing units for one-year of certification. A total of 1% of year-round housing units (90) units for Walpole are needed for a two-year certification,
- The units were produced and are eligible in accordance with the approved HPP and DHCD's c. 40B Guidelines.¹

DHCD makes the following findings:

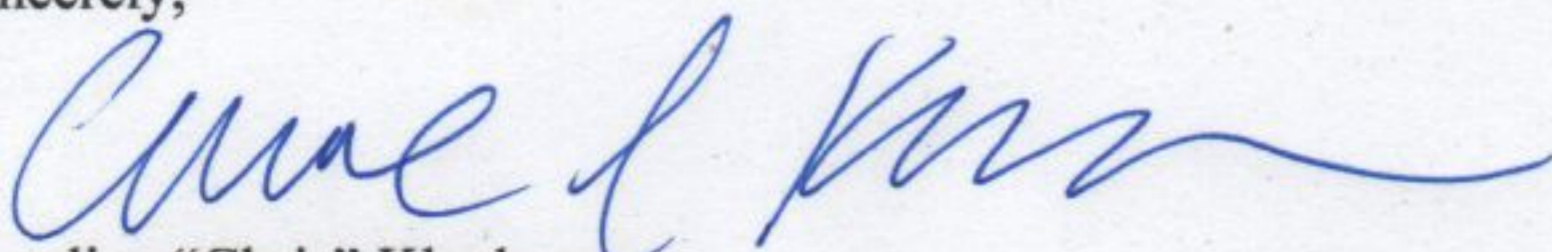
1. Walpole has a valid HPP. The effective date for the HPP is April 23, 2019 the date that DHCD received a complete plan submission. The HPP has a five-year term and will expire on April 22, 2024.
2. The project for which certification was requested for is known as Cedar Crossing/ Cedar Edge (SHI ID# 10582) which consists of 226 SHI units.
3. DHCD finds that the units are eligible for SHI inclusion and have been added to the SHI. The number of SHI units (226) is enough for a two-year certification period (90).
4. The certification period will run from April 27, 2021 to April 26, 2023.

Please note that all units must retain eligibility for the SHI for the entire certification period. If units are no longer eligible for inclusion on the SHI, they will be removed and will no longer be eligible for certification. This action may affect the term of your certification. I have included an updated list of SHI eligible units. The Town of Walpole's SHI currently stands at 9.74%. I applaud your efforts to plan for the housing needs of Walpole.

¹ <https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2017/10/10/guidecomprehensivepermit.pdf>.

Please contact Phillip DeMartino, Technical Assistance Coordinator, at (617) 573-1357 or Phillip.DeMartino@mass.gov if you need assistance as you implement your HPP.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Director, Division of Community Services

cc Senator Paul R. Feeney
Representative Edward R. Philips
Patrick Deschenes, Director, Community & Economic Development, Walpole
James Johnson, Town Administrator, Walpole