

Town of Yarmouth
Community Housing Committee
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October 25, 2022

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The October 25, 2022 meeting of the Community Housing Committee was held in a hybrid model, both in person in Hearing Room of Town Hall 1146 Route 28, South Yarmouth, MA and via the virtual conference platform Zoom. The public was able to attend the meeting in person or via the Zoom virtual meeting conference platform. Committee members were allowed to participate through remote participation/virtually pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency, signed into law on June 16, 2021 and extended through March 31, 2023.

Seeing quorum the Chair Doyle opened the meeting at 6:05 PM by roll call:

Richard Carroll: PRESENT (Remote)
Lee Hamilton: PRESENT
DJ Sullivan: PRESENT
Lorraine Doyle, Chairwoman: PRESENT

Committee members Drew Krauss and Myra Suchenicz joined the meeting remotely after the start of the meeting.

Staff present: Mary Waygan, Affordable Housing/CDGB Program Administrator, Karen M. Greene, Director of Community Development, Kathy Williams, Town Planner

PRESENTATION of the YARMOUTH HOUSING PRODUCTION PLAN

Chairwoman Doyle recognized housing consultant Karen Sunnarborg, who reviewed the draft Housing Production Plan (HPP). After the conclusion of the presentation, Chair Doyle recognized the following people for public comment:

Vida Morris (remote): Ms. Morris asked if there were any plans to build more senior housing as she felt senior housing should be a priority goal

Christine Greeley: Ms. Greeley asked if there was any penalty if Yarmouth does not meet the 10% mandate for affordable housing. Ms. Greeley also commented that development with density should also include open space in order to provide a quality living environment. She also recommended that housing should not be built in the proximity of major roads due to concerns about poor air quality caused by automobile emissions and resulting impact on child development.

Kieran Healy: Mr. Healy identified the current minimum size requirements for affordable units (ie. 750 sq ft for a one-bedroom unit) are a barrier to creating housing units, and the Town should be flexible when it comes to such dimensional standards.

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Adjournment: On a motion by Lee Hamilton, seconded by DJ Sullivan, the Committee voted to adjourn at 7:30 PM, by roll call vote:

Richard Carroll: YES
Myra Suchenicz: YES
Lee Hamilton: YES
Lorraine Doyle: YES
DJ Sullivan: YES
Drew Krauss: NOT PRESENT

Exhibits:

1. PowerPoint Presentation of the Yarmouth Housing Production Plan dated October 25, 2022
2. Draft Housing Production Plan dated August 9, 2022

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