

**Sturbridge Housing Partnership
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 22, 2020
Virtual**

Present:

Ed Neal
Matt Maselli
Walter Hersee
Margaret Darling
Jean Bubon, Town Planner
Jeneé Lacy, Administrative Assistant

Also Present:

Emily Glaubitz, CMRPC
Ron Barron, CMRPC

E. Neal called the meeting to order at 1:02pm and read the agenda and COVID notice.

Approval of Minutes

June 24, 2020

Motion: To approve the minutes of June 24, 2020 as written. By: M. Maselli

2nd: W. Hersee

Roll Call Vote: (3-0-1)

M. Darling – Abstained

W. Hersee – Yes

E. Neal – Yes

M. Maselli – Yes

Review of Housing Plan Goals and Strategies

E. Glaubitz went through and discussed each goal on the goal & strategies draft list
The Housing Partnership and J. Bubon discussed the following:

- Goal 3.2 “Explore adoption of a Workforce Housing Special Tax Assessment Area in which developers can be offered a property tax incentive to build housing affordable to middle-income residents.”
 - R. Barron discussed and gave a background on this initiative.
 - Does not seem very popular, no other communities have adopted yet.
 - Needs to be explored in more detail.
- Cottage bylaw draft
- Non-conforming lot language for draft bylaw

- Goal 4.6 “Seek designation as a Housing Choice Community which will provide preferential access to Commonwealth grant programs, including a grant program open only to designated Housing Choice Communities”.
 - Review criteria

Discussion of Next Steps

E. Glaubitz discussed what the next steps would be regarding the Housing Plan goals:

- Follow up with the Town Administrator regarding a signed letter of intent.
- Draft plan should be completed by August 14 and then would need a meeting to discuss.
- The Partnership decided to set their next meeting for Tuesday August 25th at 1pm.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn meeting. By: M. Maselli

2nd: M. Darling

Roll Call Vote: All in Favor (4-0)

E. Neal – Yes

M. Maselli – Yes

W. Hersee – Yes

M. Darling – Yes

Meeting adjourned at 2:21pm

Minutes prepared by: Jeneé Lacy