

Town of Warren
Housing Plan Steering Committee

August 5, 2021
5pm

Meeting held via Zoom

Members IN ATTENDANCE: Tim Angevine, Diane Engle, Jack Travers, Roger Grace, Missy Woodward, Victoria Sahadevan Fossland. Staff/consultant in attendance: Jocelyn Ayer

MINUTES:

Jocelyn reviewed the edits that had been made to the DRAFT Housing Plan as summarized in the minutes from the last meeting.

There was a discussion about whether to include an analysis of what is allowed under Warren's current zoning regulations and it was decided that this was not needed at this point.

There was a discussion about whether to include resources and/or a contact person in town for people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. It was decided that this made sense to add to the draft Plan and Missy volunteered to be that point person and add these resources to the town's website.

Jocelyn said she was working on the final designed version of the DRAFT plan, currently a PowerPoint version is available and hoped to have it completed soon so it can be posted onto the Town website.

Next the committee discussed planning for the next community-wide forum to review draft Housing Plan and get feedback from residents. The meeting will be held on Thursday, September 16th at 6:30pm at the Town Hall and residents can come in person or attend virtually. The committee reviewed the flyer that Jocelyn drafted for the forum.

The committee discussed having a short presentation about the draft plan and then offering a tour of the part of the town hall property that is being proposed for housing. Roger and Jack have created a video tour of the site which could also be show for folks who don't want to or cannot walk into the woods. The tour will be started by 7:30pm so we don't run out of daylight.

Outreach for the next forum was then discussed including having an article in the Parks & Rec newsletter, putting it on the electronic sign in town, and posting about it on social media. The town will plan to send 2 e-blasts about the meeting one on Sept. 2 and another on Sept. 13.

The committee then discussed the adoption process for the plan and decided on the following: the DRAFT Plan will be taken to the Planning & Zoning Commission ideally on Sept. 14th for their review and approval, the Plan will then go to the Board of Selectman on Oct. 5th to ask them to put it on the Town Meeting agenda for adoption. Town Meeting will be held on October 21st.

The committee will not plan to meet again on Sept. 2nd because of the Sept. 16th meeting (which will be a special meeting of the committee). The next committee meeting will be Oct. 7th at 5pm. Meeting was adjourned.

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