

Waterbury Housing Task Force Thursday, November 21st, 2024

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Steele COMMunity Room and via ZOOM

MINUTES:

Attendees: Owen Sette-Ducati, Alyssa Johnson, Skip Flanders, Em Lamson, Eliza Novick-Smith, Chris Balzano, Joe Camaratta, Dana Allan (for Planning Commission)

Excused: Maddy Young

Absent: Peter Hack

Called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

Review educational workshops series topic list. Conversation with Mike.

- Zoning & Permitting makes sense as first topic.
- Make sure we are as Waterbury specific as possible.
- Mike & Neal will present.
- Fire Safety (Em to help coordinate appropriate person from DPS)
- Pictures of recently completed ADUs?
- Can we extend to 90 minutes? Will reach out to Judi Byron.
- Does it make sense to have these workshops in Town building (zoom, larger capacity, recording) → YES.
 - Check with ORCA for recordings?
- ADU Design = second topic
 - Highlight need to check in with Planning & Zoning early/often.
 - Make sure we don't end up reiterating first topic→create a worksheet to refer folks to/recording.

Discuss need to find a project manager to steer the workshop planning and execution.

- Have budget to do this
- SE Group?
- Someone local?

Motion to hire a project manager. Approved unanimously.

Housing Trust Fund/ Select Board Update--Alyssa

- 11/18/24 SB designated \$100k to support affordable rental units, designate a third party administrator.
- Increase affordable rental supply by 1% a year for 8 years. (64 units//8/year)
 - Affordable = Workforce
- Planning Commission seeking input and advice from Task Force on housing goals for new plan.

Housing Task Force needs to flesh out the model.

- Owen to prepare memo re: financial eligibility considerations?

December meeting: review goals for 2025, establish 2025 objectives.

- People will be traveling, right before the holidays, ZOOM ONLY.
- Expanding membership, what other perspectives should we seek out?
 - Local businesses (Owen to follow up)
 - Contractors
 - Expertise, and time
- How do other boards organize their work?
- What does SB want us to be doing?
- Talk about our goals, what time do we have, what do we want to do, and what expertise do we need to accomplish the goals?
- Subcommittees? Ad hoc committees?

Target February for first workshop → aim to do them all in a row.

Motion to approve October minutes made by Alyssa, second by Em. Adopted by unanimous vote.

Motion to adjourn made by Owen, second by Alyssa. Adopted by unanimous vote.

Adjourn 7:18 p.m.