

## Housing Choice Act Working Group

Thursday, March 07, 2024

8:00 AM VIRTUAL MEETING

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Meeting ID: 875 7566 3577; Passcode: 589860

**Present:** Michelle Barnes, Lincoln Land Conservation Trust/RLF; Rachel Drew, Housing Commission; Steve Gladstone, Water Commissioner; Andrew Glass, Historical Commission; Jennifer Glass, Select Board; Geoff McGean, Rural Land Foundation; John MacLachlan, School Committee; Craig Nicholson, Planning Board; Kathleen Shepard, Conservation Commission; Gary Taylor, Planning Board; Paula Vaughn Mackenzie, Director of Planning and Land Use.

**Absent:** Abigail Butt, Director, Council on Aging & Human Services; Bill Churchill, Zoning Board; Tim Higgins, Town Administrator; Darin LaFalam, Water Department Superintendent; Terry Perlmutter, Council on Aging & Human Services.

**Also Present:** Margaret Olson, Planning Board

**Welcome:** Jennifer Glass opened the meeting at 8:02am, noting that it was being held virtually in accordance with Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, as further extended most recently by Governor Healey's March 29, 2023 signing of a bill extending said authorization to March 31, 2025.

**Preparation for March 14<sup>th</sup> Public Forum – HCA Town Meeting Preview:** Jennifer Glass and Margaret Olson reviewed the draft slide deck for the final forum before Town Meeting. The purpose of the forum is to give community members a final opportunity to review the language of the Housing Choice bylaw. Key points to convey:

- Zoning is a set of rules, it is not a project.
- The process and the language of the bylaw have been shaped by the community.
- The proposed district was chosen by voters in December, the Planning Board's role has been to write the bylaw that carries out that vote.
- Add slides that walk through the required percentage of income-restricted units and explain the commercial use rules in the Village Center subdistrict.

### Next Steps:

- HCAWG Endorsement: The working group discussed whether it would vote on an endorsement of the bylaw and agreed that there should be another meeting called in order to do so.
- Next meeting: March 14<sup>th</sup> to review a draft endorsement.
- There will need to be a meeting after Town Meeting to approve several sets of minutes and to determine next steps depending on the outcome of the vote.

**Minutes:** This item was passed over.

**Adjourn:** Michelle Barnes moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Gary Taylor and was approved unanimously by rollcall vote at 8:48am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Glass.

Approved June 3, 2024