

Housing Choice Act Working Group

Thursday, March 14, 2024

8:00 AM VIRTUAL MEETING

Join Zoom Meeting

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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; Terry Perlmutter, Council on Aging & Human Services; 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.

Welcome

Town Meeting Endorsement: Jennifer Glass shared her screen so that the group could see the draft language of the endorsement to be read at Town meeting. There were a couple of suggested word changes and two copy edits.

Moved: Steve Gladstone moved to approve the statement as amended. The motion was seconded by Gary Taylor and approved unanimously by rollcall vote. The statement will be published on the town website, in the *Lincoln Squirrel*, and on LincolnTalk.

Jennifer asked for a volunteer to read the endorsement at Town Meeting, and she thanked the members of the working group for their work.

Other Discussion:

- FAQs on LincolnTalk and website: good to highlight the length of time and milestones in planning. There was a planning process for South Lincoln long before the Housing Choice Act. Also, residents in all of the potential districts were notified by letter that we would be talking about rezoning their parcels.
- The Agricultural Commission sent the Planning Board a number of questions regarding water availability, lighting, notification to residents that we are a “right to farm” community, and a request for shadow studies. The Planning Board will address these questions at their next meeting.
- Paula Vaughn MacKenzie noted that two Planning Board members are interested in bringing forward an amendment to the zoning bylaw that would reduce the density of the Village Center subdistrict. There was discussion about the Planning Board process for addressing this, ending with a general consensus from the working group that the Planning Board should not change the bylaw as it was presented at the Public Hearing. Otherwise, the legal, democratic, public process is undermined. Any amendments should happen on the floor of Town Meeting.

Craig Nicholson left the meeting.

Minutes: This item was passed over.

Adjourn: Michelle Barnes made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Gary Taylor. The motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:56am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer Glass

Approved June 3, 2024