

**TOWN OF GRANBY
AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN COMMITTEE
March 31, 2022
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Chris Chinni, Monica Logan, Mark Neumann, Patricia Sansone, Anna Sogliuzzo; Abigail Kenyon, Director of Community Development and Sandra Yost, Director of Human Services

ABSENT: Rose Mouning

C. Chinni called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes

On a MOTION by P. Sansone, seconded by M. Neumann, the committee voted (5-0-0) to approve the March 24, 2022 special meeting minutes as presented.

Committee Discussion of March 24, 2022 Public Comments

Committee members recommended the following changes based on comments received from the public at the 3/24/22 meeting:

- Chris Chinni suggested adding a footnote defining Section 8 housing.
- Monica Logan noted there were many comments about the financial impacts of affordable housing and suggested adding a footnote about how a financial analysis for a particular project would be completed at the time of application submission.
- Mark Neumann recommended adding more information on transportation and Patty Sansone agreed.
- Anna Sogliuzzo recommended a clarification on which properties are included as affordable. Chris Chinni agreed this should be a footnote on the report.

Discussion of Possible Changes to Draft Plan in Response to Public Comments

The committee reviewed the revised draft by Abigail Kenyon and agreed on the following changes:

- Change the total number of approved apartment units to 474 on page 7.
- Incorporate updated Table 3: Age of Structure on page 8.
- Add a sentence on page 10 to explain that many rental units recently constructed and occupied and are not included in the American Community Survey data.
- Add a footnote in the definition section to define the current minimum wage as it relates to affordable gross rent.
- Provide further clarification on page 13 that naturally occurring housing may not be occupied by those needing affordable housing and there is no guarantee it will remain affordable in the future.
- Add Transportation section under the Infrastructure Assessment portion of the plan.
- Add a footnote in the Economics Feasibility section explaining that the economic and financial feasibility of a specific housing development would be determined either prior to or at the time of application submission to the Town.
- Add to the conclusion that additional community input will be included in determining how to implement the plan.

Committee Vote on Draft Plan to be Referred to the Board of Selectmen

The chairman determined there were enough changes to the plan to require one additional meeting to review the draft. A. Kenyon will prepare a final draft to be voted upon at the next meeting of the Affordable Housing Plan Committee.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. This will be the final meeting of the Affordable Housing Plan Committee.

Adjournment

On a MOTION by P. Sansone, seconded by M. Neumann, the committee voted (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Mazzotta
Recording Secretary