

**TOWN OF GRANBY
AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN COMMITTEE
February 3, 2022
MINUTES**

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

ABSENT: Anna Sogliuzzo

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

Approval of Minutes

On a MOTION by M. Neumann, seconded by P. Sansone, the committee voted (5-0-0) to approve the January 13, 2022 special meeting minutes as presented.

Public Comment at Future Meetings

On a MOTION by P. Sansone, seconded by R. Mouning, the committee voted (5-0-0) to include a Public Comment item on all future agendas with a limit of three minutes per person and to accept written comments sent directly to Abigail Kenyon, Director of Community Development.

Community Values Statement

A. Kenyon reviewed the draft Community Values Statement which was created based on input from committee members. The group agreed the following consolidated statement accurately reflects the community values of Granby:

Granby values our beautiful open spaces, our thriving farms, and the welcoming nature of our town, our “neighborliness”. We are a rural town that prides itself on its agricultural roots and its respect for its natural environment. A wealth of protected open spaces is treasured and used on a regular basis by many in our community. Award winning schools reflect the Town’s commitment to a quality education and make Granby a top choice for young families seeking good schools and a healthy lifestyle. Granby retains a “small town” feel, there is a strong sense of community and volunteers can be found running boards and commissions, non-profit groups and clubs providing services that enrich the lives of the residents.

We envision Granby continuing to be a vibrant, growing community and are committed to encouraging a diverse, affordable, and equitable housing stock that meets the needs of existing and new residents regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including gender, gender identity, and sexual orientation), familial status, or disability. We strive to provide a diverse mix of housing opportunities, including a range of affordable housing options, from small footprint apartments to larger footprint houses, for people to upsize or downsize within the community. By providing a range of affordable housing choices, Granby can provide opportunities to join the community and remain in the community when economic or familial circumstances change.

Proposed Objectives and Recommendations

A. Kenyon compiled a list of proposed objectives and recommendations based on input from the committee members as well as information from the presenters. The objectives and recommendations will require further analysis and are intended to provide other Boards and Commissions with ideas and options to consider for increasing the number of affordable housing units in Granby. The Affordable Housing Plan Committee does not have the authority to enact any changes.

The following objectives and recommendations were reviewed by the committee:

1. Reduce restrictions for accessory apartments
2. Encourage the development of multi-family housing
3. Encourage the development of single-family affordable housing
4. Promote the modest expansion of public infrastructure
5. Actively seek partnerships with affordable housing developers

Discuss Next Steps

The next step for the committee is to compose a draft of the Granby Affordable Housing Plan to review at the next meeting. The draft will then be made available to the public for comment and a public meeting will be held. The final draft will be presented to the Board of Selectmen.

The schedule of meetings is as follows:

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| Thursday, February 17, 2022 | Affordable Housing Plan Committee Meeting |
| Tuesday, March 1, 2022 | Notice will appear in the Granby Drummer |
| Thursday, March 10, 2022 | Draft plan will be available to the public on or before |
| Thursday, March 24, 2022 | Public Session |
| Monday, April 4, 2022 | Presentation to the Board of Selectmen |

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On a MOTION by P. Sansone, seconded by M. Logan, the committee voted (5-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Mazzotta
Recording Secretary