

**Town of Warren
Housing Plan Steering Committee**

October 7, 2021
5pm

Meeting held via Zoom

Members IN ATTENDANCE: Tim Angevine, Roger Grace, Victoria Sahadevan Fossland. Staff/consultant in attendance: Jocelyn Ayer

MINUTES:

The feedback received at the Sept. 16th community forum on the Housing Plan was discussed. Jocelyn mentioned that her sense was that many people in the room were eager for the Town to make progress on meeting housing needs and the Warren Affordable Housing Corp. (WAHC) taking the next steps on the town hall property. A few residents have expressed their desire to volunteer to work on next steps. There were questions from community members at the forum but no specific changes to the plan were suggested or requested so the committee will move forward with the current draft Housing Plan.

Next the October 21st Town Meeting was discussed. The Board of Selectmen has put adoption of the Housing Plan on the agenda for the next Town Meeting. The Wasley Farm property will also be on the agenda that night. This Town Meeting will likely be held in person (no virtual option) at Warren Woods. The Committee discussed who would like to present the Housing Plan briefly at the meeting. Victoria said she would be willing to help with the presentation but may not be able to be there in person. Jocelyn will plan to do the presentation and will coordinate with Victoria if she ends up being available to be there.

Victoria said she believed there was some confusion that this Housing Plan represented approval of a final site plan for the portion of the town hall property that WAHC is proposing to develop. We will try to make clear in the **presentation at the Town Meeting** that any development on the town hall property will have to come before the Planning & Zoning Commission at a public hearing once a final site plan and architectural plans are developed. This will not be the last opportunity for residents to hear about what is being proposed there and provide feedback. Jocelyn can bring her screen, laptop, and projector if needed for the presentation but she will reach out to the Wasley Committee to coordinate equipment if they plan to present as well.

Next **Outreach for the Town Meeting** was discussed. All Committee members are encouraged to remind their neighbors and friends in town to attend the Town Meeting at which the Housing Plan will be voted on. In addition, Tim will try to get an email blast sent out to all residents reminding them to attend with a link to the draft Housing Plan. The hope will be to send this email on Oct. 15 and again on Oct. 20. We will ask Missy to please post this reminder on Warren social media channels as well.

The meeting was adjourned.

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