

**Affordable Housing Plan Committee
Special Meeting**

September 9, 2021 - 6:30 PM

This meeting was held in person at Town Hall, Conference Room, and via Zoom.us and is available as a recording.

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Meeting ID: 853 0868 4134

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Present: Bob Valentine, First Selectman; Todd Carusillo, Economic Development Commission; Mark Harris, Selectman; Chris Sanders, Goshen Housing Trust and Economic Development Commission; and Don Wilkes, Planning & Zoning.

Present via ZOOM: Jocelyn Ayer, NHCOC (Northwest Hills Council of Governments); Cindy Barrett, Planning & Zoning Commission; Martin Connor, Town Planner; and Josephine Jones, Goshen Housing Trust.

Excused: Bill Commerford, Economic Development Commission.

Others attending via ZOOM: Audrey Blondin (logged on 7:10), John Breakell, Simon Ellis, Patty Sanders, Dawn Wicks, and Jim Withstandley.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Bob Valentine at 6:33 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF THE 7/8/21 AND 8/26/21 MEETING MINUTES:

IN A MOTION made by Mark Harris, seconded by Chris Sanders, it was voted to approve the meeting minutes of July 8, 2021, and August 26, 2021 as presented. Vote unanimous.

3. DISCUSS ANY FEEDBACK/REVISIONS PROPOSED TO THE DRAFT GOALS AND STRATEGIES:

Bob Valentine had asked at the August 26, 2021, meeting that any further questions, suggestions or comments on the draft be emailed to him or Jocelyn Ayer, Community & Economic Development Director, NHCOC (Northwest Hills Council of Governments).

Members had received the draft of the plan via email for review prior to this meeting and Jocelyn noted that she did receive suggestions, made revisions and she shared her screen with the revised draft of the plan for the committee to review page by page.

Discussion was had by members on the revisions and clarification was made on such points as AMMI, adding a glossary page and links, the Land Acquisition Fund, Goshen Housing Trust,

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cost-burdened households in Goshen and American Community Survey data, rental availability in Goshen and Statewide data used and the meaning of affordable, scattered site homeownership options as a strategy for Goshen.

4. NEXT STEPS AND NEXT MEETING DATE:

IN A MOTION made by Chris Sanders, seconded by Josephine Jones, it was moved that the Committee endorse and recommend that the report, as reviewed with the comments that were discussed tonight, be forwarded to the Goshen Board of Selectmen for their review and consideration. Vote unanimous.

Bob Valentine thanked members for their participation in this process, reminded members that this was required to be done by State Statute and noted Goshen is one of the first towns to complete their plan. Thanks was given also to Marty Connor, Town Planner and Jocelyn Ayer. The plan will be posted on the town website for residents to review.

Jocelyn asked when the plan would be on the Board of Selectmen's agenda and suggested that members of the Committee attend the meeting when it is presented.

Bob will let members know when it is on the agenda with ample time.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

IN A MOTION made by Mark Harris, seconded by Todd Carusillo, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 PM.

Respectively submitted,



Cynthia Barrett

Received Sept. 13, 2021 @ 9:10 AM.

Attest: Barbara Z Buer
Goshen Town Clerk