

## **Waterbury Area Housing Task Force Meeting**

Thursday, June 15th, 2023 | 6:00-8:00 pm

Hybrid Meeting: Steele Community Room (28 N. Main St.) and on Zoom

### **MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Kane Sweeney, Alyssa Johnson, Chris Balzano, Elizabeth Danyew, Joe Camaratta, Mark Pomilio Jr., Madeleine Young, P. Howard "Skip" Flanders, and Eliza Novick-Smith

#### **Review agenda**

No changes were made to the agenda and it was approved by consensus.

#### **Introductions**

Everyone introduced themselves to each other.

#### **Review and approve minutes from the last task force meeting [5/18/23]**

The Members of the Task Force reviewed and approved the minutes from the May 18, 2023 Meeting. **Eliza Novick-Smith** made a motion to accept the minutes and **Kane Sweeney** seconded the motion, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Update on task force logistics**

Joe Camaratta has volunteered to be the chair of the task force.

#### **Relevant task force updates**

S. 100 was signed by the governor and the Waterbury Planning Commission is reviewing what those changes mean to the Town Zoning Bylaws. The Planning Commission is still working on Phase I of the Zoning Bylaws Rewrite. They have started to work with the consultants to get assistance on the rewrite within the Downtown. The governor is going back to reconsider the continued funding of the motel housing program.

#### **Review of data and drafting and next steps for Housing Needs Assessment**

Joe C. took a look at the Housing Needs Assessment and reviewed it to measure what data is still applicable since the COVID-19 Pandemic. Joe also summarized the document to the task force and went through what a possible action plan could be. A lot of the data that is referenced in the document can be found on [HousingData.org](https://www.housingdata.org). The task force went through important data from HousingData.org. We discussed possible next steps based on the presentation. We also brainstormed questions for the community survey.

### **Review and discussion of potential agenda items for next meeting**

Go through the Community Survey: determine what questions are valuable and how we can collect the correct data to answer the questions.

Sections for the community survey:

- General information

- Want to live in Waterbury (Work here but don't live here)

- Renters who want to buy in Waterbury

- Owners who want to downsize or have unmet design needs in Waterbury

- Short term rentals

### **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by **Kane Sweeney** and seconded by **Joe Camaratta**, none opposed. It passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:08pm