

Housing Subcommittee Meeting Notes

January 7, 2019

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Members Present:

Pam Brangan, Chair

Ron Bouchard

Brian Precourt

Casey McNeil

Dean Pierce, Director of Planning and Zoning, Town of Shelburne

Public Present:

Jessica Hyman, Education and Outreach Coordinator, CVOEO

Dick Elkins, Shelburne Planning Commission

Stephen Selin, Shelburne Planning Commission

Members Absent:

Mark Brooks

1. Approval of Agenda – Ron moved to approve the agenda, with Casey seconding. Result of vote: Unanimous approval.
2. Approval of Minutes – Ron moved to approve the minutes, with Casey seconding. Result of vote: Unanimous approval.
3. Open to the Public –

Jessica Hyman, Education and Outreach Coordinator, CVOEO discussed a new survey for planning and zoning professionals and other community leaders in an effort to learn more about local housing challenges. The goal of the survey is to create an online resource for new and existing housing committees.

4. Accessory Apartment Zoning Amendment Refinement –

Dick Elkins and Stephen Selin, members of the Shelburne Planning Commission then discussed the recent proposed changes to the bylaws regarding accessory apartments brought forward by the Housing Subcommittee. After discussion on minimum/maximum square footage requirements and detached/attached accessory apartments, the Subcommittee members agreed on the following proposal: Update the maximum square footage to 50% with a cap of 1,500 sq./ft. for attached and detached accessory apartments.

This proposal will be shared at the next Planning Commission meeting for further discussion. Concerns noted by some participants included possible use of detached accessory apartments for short term rentals and the potential for neighbor complaints.

5. Update of Housing Booklet –

Members discussed their progress in updating the housing booklet and plan to have a new draft to distribute to the group at the February meeting.

6. Other Business –

Pam updated the group on the status of the town plan review noting that the plan is currently being reviewed by the Selectboard.

Adjournment – Moved to adjourn at 7:00 pm.

Next meeting: Monday, February 4, 2019 at 6:00PM