

MINUTES
Shelburne Housing Committee
Monday, February 7, 2022
6:00 PM

Attendees:

Pam Brangan, Joyce George, Casey McNeil, Maria McClellan
Staff: Adele Gravitz, Shelburne Town Planner

1. Pam called the meeting to order.
2. Approval of Agenda:
 - Motion to approve -- Casey; Second -- Joyce
3. Approval of November 1, 2021 Minutes:
 - Motion to approve minutes -- Casey; Second - Joyce
4. Pam declared the meeting open to the public.
5. Introductions
 - Pam -- Pam talked about her work at the Chittenden County Regional Planning Committee.
 - Casey -- Casey saw the booklet Pam helped assemble for the Planning Commission and wanted to get involved. Brings an interest in analytics to the committee; he is the longest serving committee member after Pam, and announced he will be moving to another part of Vermont and leaving the committee.
 - Maria -- Maria has lived in Shelburne for 20 years and has experienced renting out a house in the Village. She Works at UVM Medical Center and has been involved in the hospital's efforts to promote housing for vulnerable patients.

- Joyce -- Burlington native; she is a landlord and brings the perspective and experience of being a landlord to the committee. She has always been interested in housing.
- Adele -- She is a trained landscape architect. Planning is everything -- housing, the environment, marketing, designing. All of these pieces come together in Planning, and that interests her. She talked about the "Missing Middle" concept of multi-unit housing -- not just single-family or a big apartment building, but also different housing options that include apartments on the second and third floors of a retail store.

6. Overview of the Housing Committee has accomplished

- Housing booklet -- Committee developed booklet -- see link on the Housing Committee web page. Includes a map of the town that is color coded to show how the town has developed over town. The booklet was presented to the Planning Commission.
- Accessory Dwelling Units -- We were able to make a change to the zoning regulation a few years ago to allow 2-bedroom ADUs. We created a secondary page on the Housing Cmte web page to share this information. We gathered information about current ADUs in Shelburne.
- Google Doc -- We also created a google doc that outlines different presentations and resources available related to housing. A great resource is the website: HousingData.org.

7. Discussion of what to focus efforts on in the near-term, and conversation with Adele Gravitz.

- Adele: Very impressed with what the committee has created and made available on the website. As far as next steps go, she suggested looking at the Town Plan for ideas. She suggested looking at the zoning bylaw to make it easier to develop more housing. She wants to read our information about ADUs for additional ideas.

- Pam invited Adele to attend our monthly meetings moving forward. She is welcome anytime.
- Adele is interested in solar power and wondering how we can incentivize solar panels. She thinks it would be a good joint project between the Housing and Climate Committees. It's a win-win -- good for the environment, good for cost savings.

8. Other Topics

- Casey informed the group that this will be his last meeting. He and his wife will be moving out of Shelburne in the Spring.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Next meeting will be March 7, 2022 at 6pm via Zoom.