

Housing Committee
Draft Meeting Summary
Tuesday September 7, 2021
6:00 pm

Members/Public Present:

Pam Brangan, Chair
Maria McClellan
Amy Southworth
Joyce George

Cara Thanassi
Shiferaw Gemedra, CVOEO

Absent:

Casey McNeil
Julie Gaboriault

1. Call to Order & Confirm Audio/Feed
2. Approval of Agenda- approved by Joyce George, second by Maria McClellan
3. Approval of June 7th minutes-approved by Amy Southworth second by Maria McClellan.
4. Open to the Public.
5. Introduction of members to guest Shiferaw Gemedra from Fair Housing Project. Shiferaw introduced himself and briefly spoke about the Fair Housing Project.
6. Leadership roles: Amy Southworth volunteered to become Secretary.
7. ADU discussion
 - a. Pam and Amy provided the ADU regulation information from various towns in Chittenden County. Shelburne's regulations use 50% of the original dwelling, which is more lenient than state regulations. Shelburne's regulations do not specify a maximum square footage – the state regulations have a maximum of 900 sq ft. QUESTION: Should the committee propose a change to the ADU regulations to include a maximum square footage? Some towns breakdown the maximum square footage by the sq footage of the original dwelling. For example, if the principal dwelling is less than 1600 sq ft, the ADU can be 75% of the principal dwelling; if the principal dwelling is 1600-4000 sq ft, the maximum size of ADU would be 1200 sq ft; if the principal dwellings is more than 4000 sq ft, the maximum ADU is 30% of principal dwelling. The committee agreed that we should not be recommending design as some towns have including in regulations.
 - b. No decision was made. The committee decided more research was needed. Pam will provide committee members with ADUs in town for a visual look. The discussion will continue next meeting.
8. Recent housing activity/commentary on fpf
 - a. Best way to stay informed is to review DRB and Planning Commission agendas – Pam will ask to have all committee members added to the mailings.
9. Chittenden County Housing Convening meeting 9/30 at 6 pm (virtual)
10. Future tasks/projects- look at affordable housing issues.
11. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm. Next meeting October 4th 6pm.