

HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

JANUARY 11, 2024

Warner, NH Town Hall Stage

7:00 PM

Present: Bill Hanson (co-facilitator), Ian Rogers (co-facilitator), Andy Bodnarik, David Bates, Dustin Chamberlain, Robert Bower, Mark Allen, Bob Holmes, Barbara Marty, Bret Ingold, Jackie Germain, Matthew Taylor (Project Planner, Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission) Stephanie Alexander (Senior Planner, Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission, Michael Polizzotti (Field Specialist, Community and Economic Development University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension)

1. Call to order 7 pm, Sign-In
2. Meeting Minutes from December 14, 2023 reviewed and approved with minor grammatical amendments
3. Review and Approve Community Housing Survey

Ian Rogers introduced Matthew Taylor, who had provided examples of Master Plan Housing Chapters from nearby towns to illustrate examples of inviting visuals and text to incorporate in our Chapter. Ian asked for members to review these documents before our next meeting.

Ian introduced Stephanie Alexander, who has expertise in data analysis, Stephanie provided information on various survey platforms. Survey Monkey stood out as a choice because of ease of start-up and use. She advised The Committee on ideal length of survey and options for question formats.

Options for survey distribution discussed by The Committee in order to reach maximum number of residents with different formats including online Survey Monkey, paper options. Distribution of paper surveys was discussed including possible locations for drop boxes and the need to maintain adequate supplies of paper surveys at various locations as well as retrieval of completed surveys.

Post card to be sent to postal patrons of Warner would include a brief explanation of the survey, QR code, link to survey as well as information on locations to pick up paper copies. Locations discussed included Pillsbury Library, Warner Town Hall, Sugar River Bank.

Warner Housing Survey draft discussed by The Committee in detail. Each section was reviewed for grammar, additional question options, clarity of questions. Questions were edited and some deleted.

Survey was accepted as amended.

4. Community Engagement Update

The Committee discussed methods of reaching residents to educate the community about the survey and its role in the Housing Chapter of The Town of Warner Master Plan. Suggestions included information tables at Warner events including election day, 250th birthday celebration, door to door contact with neighbors, electric sign on Main Street, the transfer station. Focus on options to be discussed at next meeting.

5. Communications and Other Business

Members voiced certain opinions and concerns regarding the purpose of the survey and the future vision of Warner. Ian suggested that we discuss at the next meeting. It was reiterated that the purpose of The Committee and The Housing Survey is to

gather information for the Master Plan Housing Chapter from the residents, rather than to voice our own varied individual opinions about Warner.

Ian suggested we establish work groups for paper survey distribution and collection, local business engagement, info table schedules. These will be discussed in more detail at next meeting.

Ian introduced Michael Polizzotti who has expertise in community engagement and can assist us in ways to reach our community members in a variety of ways. This assistance will help us reach a broader section of residents with information about the reason the survey is being conducted and its importance for The Master Plan

6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 pm