



**GOVERNOR PRENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
Monday, January 24, 2022

**MINUTES**

A meeting of the Governor Prence Planning Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. remotely via Zoom from Town Hall.

**Committee Members Present:** Hadley Luddy; Mark Mathison; Fran McClennen; Debra Oakes; John Sargent; Tina Shaw; and Katie Wibby, joined while the meeting was in progress

**Town Staff Present:** George Meservey; Marsha Allgeier

**Guest Speakers Present:** Judi Barrett and Elizabeth Haney

1. **PUBLIC COMMENT.** No members of the community participated in Public Comment.
2. **JUDI BARRETT, BARRETT PLANNING GROUP, LLC,** along with Elizabeth Haney sought assistance in identifying key informants, stakeholders as well as access points to the general community for use as they develop the Community Engagement Plan.

The Committee brainstormed groups, organizations, businesses which have pertinent information relative to housing needs, desirable physical attributes as well as access to as many sectors of the community as possible.

**3. UPDATES BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS WITH ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION ABOUT CURRENT WORK OF OTHER TOWN BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, AND COMMUNITY GROUPS**

- Fran McClennen of the Affordable Housing Committee reviewed a presentation that had been made to the Committee by Chris Desisto, a developer who is planning to build 43 rental housing units at the site of the former Underground Mall. His plans include 1 & 2 bedroom units, moderately, with 5 affordable units.
- Fran also reviewed the Community By Design Workshop presented by the Community Development Partnership, and attended by a number of the members of the GPP Committee. All agreed that it had been very informative and interesting.
- John Sargent reported that he had been contacted by the Chip Bechtol to discuss the possibility of the GPP Committee meeting with the Planning Board at an appropriate stage, particularly since the Planning Board is currently working with Streetsense to complete an Economic Development plan for Town.
- The Committee was invited to participate in an Affordable Housing Forum – Housing 101 to be presented at the February 1, 2022 Select Board meeting.

#### **4. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO RAISE QUESTIONS, CONCERNS**

In response to questions regarding the status of the site as well as some outstanding issues, Mark Mathison apprised the Committee of the following:

- The Town has retained Ryder Wilcox to do a site survey
- Notwithstanding issues reported in the newspapers, the Town has been able to secure appropriate liability insurance for the property
- Initial studies show that there is no asbestos, therefore the Town can move forward with demolition plans

5. The Minutes of the Meeting of January 24, 2022 were approved upon motion duly made and seconded, with a vote of 7-0-0.

#### **6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

At the next meeting, Judy Barrett will present a Draft of the Community Engagement plan for the Committee to review and comment upon, and provide an update as to the status of Union Studio's workplan.

7. ADJOURN - Meeting adjourned upon motion made, and unanimous vote taken.

Respectfully submitted, Debra Oakes, Clerk