

**Affordable Housing Committee Meeting Minutes
Town of Orleans
Tuesday May 2, 2023 4:30 p.m.
In person in the Nauset Room and
on Orleans Channel 18 on the Town website and cable television**

Attending: Nancy Renn, Fran McClennen, Susan Carlson, Scott Flood, Bill Stoeckert, Elizabeth Paine, Marsha Allgeier as Town Liaison, and Andrea Reed as Select Board Liaison.

Nancy Renn called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m

JM Goldson Presentation

- Introductions: Laura Smead, Senior Community Planner and Project Manager, and Kadineyse Paz, Community Planning Analyst spoke about the new data collection study
- Review Scope/Schedule: the project kicked off on April 12 and will continue with monthly meetings with the Affordable Housing Committee and scheduled joint meetings with the Committee and the Affordable Housing Trust Board . The project will include focus groups and a community survey. The schedule includes:
 - July - presentation of community survey
 - August - draft goals
 - September - a community forum
 - October - the results of the forum
 - November - the first full 10 year housing report draft to the Select Board
 - December - wrap up and plan for updating the report

Discussion included:

- How to use the data to highlight the impact of inaction
- Questions about using housing in employment contracts
- Using examples and case studies
- How to engage Orleans citizens
- Including more detail on the homelessness issue. (Andrea Reed informed the team that the Orleans Police have current data on homelessness.)
- Including non-profits and their impact on housing issues
- Including a wider range of income beyond 100% AMI

- How to cover those who want and need to be in Orleans but can't
- How to make the survey adaptive based on roles and demographics
- Including the impact of infrastructure and zoning

Finalize Town Meeting Preparation and Assignments

Nancy Renn thanked the team - Fran, Scott, and Liz for work that produced a flyer, a video, paragraphs in the Warrant, data on the websites, and content in Exit 89. Flyers were distributed in the Library, at the Senior Center, in Town Hall, at the Main Street Community Center, and will be distributed at Town Meeting by Nancy Renn and Bill Stoeckert.

Andrea invited advocates at Town Meeting to join the Select Board at the front of the auditorium to speak to the Articles and to answer questions

Recommendations for Affordable Housing Section of Comprehensive Plan

Discussion was based on request by the Town for the AHC to address, from the 2017 Plan:

- Goals fully met
- Goals not met but still important
- Goals no longer relevant that should be removed
- New Goals

Discussion included the following points:

- Removing the 10% goal which has been met and is no longer relevant, and replacing it with a new marker.
- Adding sustainability as a goal
- Reflecting the new joint action by the Committee and the Trust Board
- Adding a focus on the missing middle
- How to clarify and balance a focus on vulnerable communities
- How to indicate that goals may need to change based on the new housing data study

Action: Nancy Renn will write draft goals and send them to the Committee for comment.

Minutes of April 4, 2023 were not approved due to loss of a quorum vote before the end of the meeting.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

The Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm

Respectfully submitted, Nancy James, Clerk