

TOWN OF COLEBROOK
HOUSING PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE
Monday, July 18, 2022 – 5:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

E Marmar called the July 18, 2022, zoom meeting of the Colebrook Housing Plan Steering Committee was called to order at 5:00 PM.

Roll Call

Members of the Commission present: Ernie Marmar, Martha Neal, David Sartirana, Laura Bartlett, Debbie Crowell, and Marc Melanson.

Members of the Commission Absent: Cathie Norton

Also present, Chris Johnstone (First Selectman), and Jocelyn Ayer (Center for Housing Opportunity).

Approval of minutes

E Marmar asked if everyone received and read a copy of the June 20, 2022, minutes. Hearing no objections or changes the minutes were approved as distributed.

E Marmar turned the meeting over to J Ayer for her presentation on the preliminary draft plan.

- 1st preliminary draft and she is open to any feedback, questions, concerns, and ideas.
- Goal for today is to go over the plan and hopefully at the end of the meeting just have some editing to do on the draft plan and then be able to move forward to the next step of the process.
- The committee was pleased with the way that it was put together.
- Mentioned the different sections of the plan.
- After committee is happy with the draft plan, we can then hold another informational meeting.
- Said that it needs to go to the PZC for approval.
- Needs to go to the Board of Selectman for a public hearing and adoption hopefully in October.
- Went over and discussed all the sections of the plan.
- Discussion on the zoning regs allowing new 2 family houses.
- Discussion on Open Space in Colebrook.
- Discussed the goals that are in the plan.
- Discussed the different strategies that are in the plan.
- Discussed Accessory apartments and what our regulations require.
- Discussed different programs for homebuyers and other ways for people to stay in their homes.
- Discussed how we can ensure that these strategies are implemented.

- Mentioned how this plan should be mentioned in the town's POCD (Plan of Conservation and Development)

J Ayers went over what the next steps should be.

- Get approval from the PZC. That it meets the POCD.
- Set up another informational meeting to get the residents feedback on the plan.
- Set up a public hearing either at a PZC Meeting or a Board of Selectmen meeting.
- Have the Board of Selectmen approve and adopt the Plan.

The group decided to have the edits that were discussed tonight and then to have it presented at the August meeting for their approval. Hopefully they approve it at the August meeting and then have the public hearing at least 35 days before the Selectmen can approve the plan.

J Ayer will get a flyer so that the town get it out to the residents.

The next meeting will be August 15th.

Motion to adjourn

Motion: A motion was made to adjourn by E Marmar

Second: M Neal.

Vote: All in favor

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Melanson