



North Haven Community Priorities Housing Working Group

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Objective

To assess and understand the current housing market, identify obstacles to accessing year-round housing, and support efforts to increase the availability of year-round housing.

Structure

11 member Working Group (with advisors)

Timeline

March – November 2022

Goals

The Housing Working Group (WG) will work collaboratively and cooperatively with community partners to achieve its mission through the following goals:

1. Gather information and data regarding the current status of housing on the island
 - o Demand for year-round housing
 - o Available year-round housing stock
 - o Affordability
2. Research and understand obstacles to accessing year-round housing
 - o Review relevant and recent reports and studies
 - o Gather stories from those facing housing challenges
 - o Learn how our community and other communities have addressed/are addressing similar challenges
3. Create a Housing Action Plan which includes the collected data and summarized research with recommended steps the community can take to make more year-round housing available
4. Working with Rick, help identify and facilitate occupancy of at least three year-round houses (rentals or to-own)

Roles & Responsibilities

Housing Working Group – Community Liaisons and Representatives; Responsible for participating in monthly meetings and pre-work; Providing insights, experience, and input during monthly discussions about data and solutions; Helping Mia collect data; Helping Mia with organizing and implementing Housing Community Conversations/Events, and Select Board and community outreach events; Presenting final findings and recommendations to community and Select Board.

Mia Colloredo-Mansfeld – Staff Support and Process Facilitator; Responsible for organizing and facilitating meetings; Recording and keeping notes; Communications (both for the WG and the public) and publicity/outreach materials; Maintaining up-to-date Hub documentation for the public; Working directly with Mary to execute data collection for the Housing Assessment update (includes survey, interviews, focus groups); Organizing and implementing Housing Community Conversations/Events, and Select Board and community outreach events; Working with Mary, compiling Housing Assessment findings and eventual recommendations into a final report for the Select Board and the community; Point of contact for Mary and the WG

Rick Lattimer – Facilitator, Convener; Responsible for participating in conversations and decision-making; Providing Town perspective; Select Board Liaison; Facilitator for Goal 4

Gabe McPhail – Process support and guidance; Supporting Mia and the WG; Tracking and reviewing work of all three priorities; Vision and values alignment

Mary Terry – Providing guidance, structure and expertise throughout the data collection, outreach/education, and solutions/recommendations processes

Housing Working Group Proposed Work Plan & Timeline

Phase 1: Understanding the Landscape

April – September 2022

Gathering Stories and Data

Housing Assessment

- Assessment conducted – Define key questions and to determine data needed
- Collect stories that get at the data we are seeking – focus on qualitative data
- Town properties inventory and highest and best use “assessment” of properties in relation to housing goals
- Mia to compile report with data gathered
- Conversations about the data – Presentation of findings to the community

Community-wide Housing Education

Series of Community Housing Conversations

- Learning from others; relationships between towns and housing organizations, actions Towns can take
- Goal of the series: 1) educate the WG and community 2) Generate interest from seasonal community to help, particularly with Goal 4.
- June Conversation 1: Overview – The housing landscape, panel presentation/conversation
- July Conversation 2: Learning from a community
- August Conversation 3: Learning from a community
- September Conversation 4: Learning about housing access “tools”; presentation of findings

Phase 2: Formulating Solutions

September – November 2022

Using findings/data to discuss solutions and generate recommendations

- WG Discussions (September and October)
- Community conversation of findings and possible solutions (September)
- How are the other two priorities related and part of the solutions being posed?
- How do the solutions align with the Community Vision and Values?
- Present final report of findings and recommendations to the community and Board
5pm Wednesday, November 16th

Ongoing Work

May – November 2022

Vision Alignment

Participants: Rick, Mia, Gabe, a member from each WG and the Priority 2 (Workforce Development) Advisory Group, Hannah Pingree

- Provide feedback on each WG’s work
- Identify opportunities for collaboration and mutually beneficial actions
- Discuss how actions/decisions do/do not ensure vision alignment
- Troubleshoot and address potential challenges

Goal 4: Identify and facilitate occupancy of at least three year-round houses

May – October 2022

Participants: Rick, Mia, at least one WG member, NHS member(s)

- Looking at housing inventory, facilitating connections, and conversations; identifying barriers and solutions to barriers
- Sharing information with the WG for feedback

Important Links

Housing Working Group Monthly Meeting Info
<https://islandinstitute.zoom.us/j/2027611237>
Meeting ID: 202 761 1237
Phone: 1 646 558 8656

Housing Working Group Meeting Agenda & Notes
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZnsSTBeyFoFHSNkoMmalOM8CHDzjQ8vbcxrtHxwdNaw/edit>

Housing Working Group Google Drive Folder
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1FjuhEs_h6eNn2Ff9bhyzdRvcBb_D5_mT-?usp=sharing

Housing Working Group Meetings

All meetings held via Zoom with a hybrid meeting option at the Town Office

Meeting 1: Orientation

8am Tuesday, April 12

Review proposed work plan; Discuss and provide feedback, insights, and input on the process; Pre-work for Meeting 2

Meeting 2: Data Collection

8am Tuesday, April 19

Overview of the Assessment; Key questions for data collection; Action steps and assignments for data collection
Planning for Community Housing Education; Pre-work for Meeting 3

Meeting 3: Data Collection

8am Tuesday, May 17

Review of findings thus far; WG action plan status; Discussion; Pre-work for Meeting 4

Meeting 4: Data Collection

8am Tuesday, June 21

Review of findings thus far; WG action plan status; Discussion

Tentative Summer Meetings 5 & 6

8am Tuesday, July 19

8am Tuesday, August 16

Meeting 7: Findings and Solutions

8am Tuesday, September 20

Discussion; Pre-work for Meeting 8

Meeting 8: Findings and Solutions

8am Tuesday, October 18

Discussion; Select Board recommendations
Pre-work for Select Board/community presentation

Select Board/Community Presentation of Findings and Recommendations

5pm Wednesday, November 16