

## **NORTHAMPTON HOUSING PARTNERSHIP ZONING SUB COMMITTEE**

Minutes

May 30, 2019

**Members Present:** Patrick Boughan, Alex Jarret, and Jim Reis.

**Call to Order:** Mr. Boughan called the meeting to order with the presence of a quorum at 5:00 p.m.

**General Updates:** Mr. Boughan overviewed zoning history in Northampton and specifically talked about recent initiatives by the Planning Department, particularly a recent effort to allow duplexes by right in URA.

**Standing Positions:** Following a meeting with Planning Board Chair Tess Poe, the Housing Partnership expressed interest in having standing policy positions on its website that other city bodies and staff can refer to support housing initiatives in the city. The zoning group will work on developing an initial round of policy positions for review and discussion by the Partnership as a whole.

The group brainstormed areas to do research on and assigned specific tasks to each member. The individuals will work on developing each of these solo and discuss them at our next meeting (see list below). When the sub group is satisfied they will bring them to the Housing Partnership for review. All of these ideas being worked on originated with Planning Department staff.

- Jim - Accessory Dwelling units (attached and detached), tiny houses. Send Jim Brattleboro, and other ideas. Willamstown, MA. Katie Jackson.
  - Can we get data from the assessor or GIS about the universe of this?
  - Brattleboro \$3,000 incentive program
  - Habitat designs?
- Patrick - 3-4 family by-right zoning for the whole city, elimination of SFH only zoning
- Projection of need from AI report
- Patrick - Changing rules to have less projects go to special permit, possibly creating a 4th review option that's staff based
- Patrick - Change special permit trigger to square footage instead of number of units

- Alex - Tax abatements, cherry sheet, alternate taxation. SEND ALEX DOCUMENTS  
5/31/19: Wrote to Clare Higgins. -aj
- Alex - lessening parking requirements. Minneapolis 2040

**Adjourn/** The meeting concluded at 6:00 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Patrick Boughan