HPP Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

MEETING: January 11, 2021 @ 7:00PM

Attendees Present: Sarah Rhatigan, Chair (AHT), Cheryl Alpert (at-large), Alice Benson (COA), Chris Chandor (at-large), Alicia Primer (PB), Harvey Boshart (SB liaison), Jenn Goldson, Liz Valenta, Imai Aiu, Diana Chaplin, Lise Rivers, Cameron Peters

1. Public Comment
   a. Diana Chaplin asked about Weston’s up to date safe harbor status and Subsidized Housing Inventory (“SHI”) level with regard to the recent comprehensive permit issued for 751 Boston Post Road.
   b. Lise Rivers asked about the status of other potential 40B projects vis-a-vis the timing of the Housing Production Plan approval process.

2. Project Update – Jenn Goldson
   a. Jenn Goldson presented a revised project schedule for approval of the Housing Production Plan that allowed for a slightly more relaxed and thoughtful schedule. The consensus that the 751 BPR comp permit allows for safe harbor through 11/24/21 gives the Town more time to complete the HPP renewal process without fear of it lapsing this summer.
   b. Survey Response / Focus Groups
      i. 451 Survey Responses
      ii. 9 Focus Groups scheduled, but turnout has been less than expected
   c. Next webinar scheduled for February 11, 2021
   d. Target Planning Board and Select Board approval now in May

3. Discussion of Prior Housing Production Plan (2016) Goals & Strategies
   a. Discussion Topics
      i. What goals & strategies were accomplished from 2016?
      ii. What goals & strategies may no longer be relevant in 2021?
      iii. What new goals & strategies could be considered in 2021?
   b. 

4. Continued Community Outreach
   a. The committee discussed ways to increase community engagement and improve focus group participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Chris Chandor