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# BARKHAMSTED HOUSING PLAN

FEBRUARY 2ND STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING



**NHCOG**  
— Northwest Hills —  
Council of Governments

# AGENDA

1. Review case study workshops topics & dates
  - Proposal for short video on affordable housing in NWCT
2. Plan for 1<sup>st</sup> Public Forum on Housing Plan
3. Discussion of possible goals and strategies
4. Next meeting date & Next steps



# UPCOMING HOUSING WEBINARS

## FOR NWCT'S SMALL TOWNS

- **How is Affordable Housing Funded in NWCT's small towns?**
  - Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm via Zoom
  - Guest presenter: David Berto, President, Housing Enterprises
- **How much Affordable Housing Do we Need? What is our town's "fair share"?**
  - Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm via Zoom
  - Guest presenter: Sam Giffin, Policy and Data Analyst, Open Communities Alliance
- **Why Does Our Town's Housing Not Meet the Needs of Seniors and Young People?**
  - Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm via Zoom
  - Guest presenter: Sean Ghio, Policy Director, Partnership for Strong Communities
- All webinars will be **recorded and available** from your Housing Plan project webpage, NHCOC's YouTube Channel, and anywhere else you wish to post them.

# SHORT VIDEO ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN NWCT'S SMALL TOWNS

- **Timeline: Feb/March 2021**
- **Cost: \$4,500** (about \$600 per town that currently has a housing plan grant from the Dept. of Housing)
- **Use/Audience:** This professionally produced short video can be shown during public meetings in the towns creating municipal housing plans to show residents what affordable housing looks like in neighboring towns and hear from the local housing organizations that created and maintain them.
- **Filmmaker:** Theodore Perotti, Pig Iron Films

## Possible locations to film:

- **Cornwall-** Bonnie Brook, Kugeman Village, Cornwall Housing Corporation
- **Kent-** Stuart Farm, Kent Affordable Housing
- **Litchfield-** various sites, Litchfield Housing Trust
- **Salisbury-** Sarum Village, Salisbury Housing Committee
- **Norfolk-** Village Center housing, Norfolk Foundation for Living
- **Washington-** Washington Community Housing Trust

## Possible interview question topics:

- Project history- donated land?
- How do you think this housing has benefited the community?
- Why do you volunteer your time on your local housing non-profit?
- Length of waiting list
- Who lives there

# PLANNING FOR A BARKHAMSTED COMMUNITY FORUM



*Barkhamsted Community Forum*

## Why are we developing a Barkhamsted Affordable Housing Plan?

**Please join us...**

to hear more about the Housing Plan we are developing, get your questions answered, and provide any feedback you might have.

**Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> OR Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm VIA Zoom** (link info below)

Presentation will include:

- Update from Barkhamsted Housing Trust on plans for Mallory Brook Farm
- Barkhamsted's Housing Data Profile
- Summary results of the Barkhamsted resident housing survey and worker survey
- Review of [frequently asked questions](#) about town affordable housing plans
- Photos of affordable housing options in neighboring towns (or video if ready)

Speakers will include:

- Sean Ghio, Partnership for Strong Communities (review town's Housing Data profile in context of regional/statewide needs)
- Chris Lavieri? Barkhamsted Housing Trust (why was BHT started? Plans for Mallory Brook farm)
- Someone who could speak to unmet senior housing needs? And impact that has?

- Review draft public forum invite
- Meeting date?
- Agenda & Speakers?
- Outreach- how do we advertise the meeting and best get residents to attend?
  - Send out FAQs handout with meeting invite? Put a few FAQs on Facebook each week leading up to meeting?

# REVIEW BARKHAMSTED HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

## Barkhamsted Housing Needs Assessment

January 2021

Northwest Hills Council of Governments

# FOR DISCUSSION Possible Goals & Strategies

- Consider setting a realistic goal for new affordable housing unit creation over the next 5-10 years?
  - \_\_\_\_\_# units
  - Want to specify rental vs. ownership?
  - Want to focus on current Barkhamsted Housing Trust owned property or include other possibilities?
- Want to focus on “affordable housing” only in the Housing Plan or also on other ways to diversify the market rate housing in town? Ex-accessory apartments, market rate senior housing
- Want to discuss other ways to support seniors- home modification help, etc?
- How else could the town support the Barkhamsted Housing Trust?
- Zoning review- we will be doing a comparison of zoning regs related to housing diversity and will present that at the next meeting

# NEXT STEPS

- Outreach for Community Forum on Housing Plan on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm via Zoom
- Next meeting date: **March 2 at 2:30pm**
  - Review draft of Housing Plan sections completed to date, including possible goals & strategies
  - Plan for forum in April?

