
WARREN HOUSING PLAN

FEBRUARY 4TH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING



AGENDA

1. Review case study workshops topics & dates
 - Proposal for short video on affordable housing in NWCT
2. Plan for 1st 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 18th 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 24th 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 4th 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

SURVEY RESPONSES TO DATE - 196 (26 NEW)

Resident Housing Needs Survey

- Goals- start to engage residents in process, hear what they think the needs are + specific needs of their family
- **170 responses to date**
- Review responses- highlights:
 - 21 (12%) interested in accessory apartment on their property (most not used for longer term tenants)
 - 57% of respondents not aware of what WAHC is proposing; only 25% are aware.
 - 54% think town needs senior housing options
 - 49% think town needs “downsize” options
 - 47% think town needs rental housing options
 - 58% think cost of housing effects young families
 - 39 respondents provided their email address

DISCUSSION:

- Keep survey open or close?
 - 230 responses would give us 95% confidence that our sample accurately reflects the population (currently at 80% confidence level)
- Any paper surveys given out or returned?

PLANNING FOR COMMUNITY FORUM



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Warren Community Conversation

Why are we developing a Warren 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, February 23rd at 7pm VIA Zoom (info below)

Presentation will include:

- Update from Warren Affordable Housing Corporation on plans to build on town hall parcel
- Summary results of the Warren resident housing survey
- Warren's Housing Data Profile
- Photos of affordable housing options in neighboring towns
- Review of [frequently asked questions](#) about town affordable housing plans

Invited speakers include:

- Jack Travers, Warren Affordable Housing Corporation Board member
- Sean Ghio, Partnership for Strong Communities (review Housing Data profile in context of regional/statewide needs)
- Melissa Woodward, Warren Social Services
- Maggie Cooley, Cornwall Housing Corporation (non-profit that built Cornwall's affordable housing)

Haven't taken the Warren Resident Housing Survey yet? Please do so today by clicking here:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/WarrenHousing

- Review forum invite
- Agenda & Speakers
- Discuss 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 HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Warren Housing Needs Assessment

January 2021

Prepared by: Jocelyn Ayer, 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 WAHC project 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?
- 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 Feb.23 at 7pm via Zoom
- Outreach re: Housing webinars for NWCT's small towns
- Next meeting date: **March 4 at 5pm**
 - Review draft of Housing Plan sections completed to date, including possible goals & strategies
 - Plan for forum in April?

