



**Town of Barrington
Public Meeting Minutes
Barrington Housing Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting #2**

**July 24, 2023, 4:00PM - 6:00 PM
TOWN HALL LAND USE CONFERENCE ROOM @ TOWN HALL
4 SIGNATURE DRIVE
BARRINGTON, NH 03825**

Committee Members Present: Joyce Cappiello, Tracy Hardekopf, Bob Caverly, Gilbert Smith

Committee Member Absent: John Driscoll

Staff Attendees: Vanessa Price, Jamey Jameson

SRPC Staff Attendees: Lisa Murphy

The Barrington Steering Committee will hold a work session on Monday, July 24, 2023, concerning the following agenda items for discussion:

Primary purpose of the meeting: Community survey finalization for the Barrington Master Plan Housing Chapter.

1. Introduction of Staff and Housing Steering Committee.
 - Vanessa Price, Towner Planner, introduced the steering committee members, Joyce Cappiello, Tracy Hardekopf, Bob Caverly, Gilbert Smith; Town code enforcement deputy, Jayme Jameson; and Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) Senior Regional Planner, Lisa Murphy.
2. Discussion on finalizing the housing community survey.
 - Housing Survey Section 2 & 3
 - Housing Survey Section 1

Lisa presented to the steering committee the drafted survey questions for the housing chapter based on the discussion led by the committee. (Please see attached survey questions attached to these meeting minutes.) The committee discussed they wanted the questions to pertain to Barrington residents only, and to have more demographic information separated out. There was also discussion adding housing costs (moderately priced housing). SRPC will have updated questions ready for Community meeting.

3. Distribution of the survey and target date.

Discussion by the committee for the distribution of the survey. Town staff will circulate to the Town Department heads to share on their social media sites and print out flyers. Also, discussion of having it in the tax bill and distribution to town posting places, such as the post office, town hall, on the town

website. Discussion of mail out possibility, but it was discussed that in person would more effective approach to reach the residents and to get answers to the data.

Committee members suggested to circulate the survey at future Town concert event.

4. Discussion of Community Forum meeting date. Hosted by SRPC. Will be held at ECLC.

September 30, 2023, is the proposed date for the Public Forum/community meeting.

5. Adjourn and discuss next future meeting dates.

Next meeting date to be held after survey completion and the community meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Demographics

This part of the survey asks a few demographic questions to better understand the needs of various population groups.

16. What is your employment status?

- ☐ Employed Full-time (35 hours or more per week)
- ☐ Employed Part-time (Up to 34 hours per week)
- ☐ Unemployed and currently looking for work
- ☐ Unemployed and not currently looking for work
- ☐ Student (not working)
- ☐ Student (working full or part-time)
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Self-employed
- ☐ Unable to work
- ☐ Other (please specify)

17. Please select the Town/City you work in.

- ☐ Barrington
- ☐ Dover
- ☐ Rochester
- ☐ Somersworth
- ☐ Portsmouth
- ☐ Manchester
- ☐ Concord
- ☐ Nashua
- ☐ I primarily work from home
- ☐ I am retired
- ☐ I am unemployed
- ☐ Other (please specify)

18. Please select your age.

- ☐ Younger than 18
- ☐ 18 - 24
- ☐ 25 - 34
- ☐ 35 - 44
- ☐ 45 - 54
- ☐ 55 - 64
- ☐ 65 - 74
- ☐ 75 or older

19. Please select your annual household income.

- ☐ Less than \$9,999
- ☐ \$10,000 - \$14,999
- ☐ \$15,000 - \$29,999
- ☐ \$30,000 - \$44,999
- ☐ \$45,000 - \$89,999
- ☐ \$90,000 - \$134,999
- ☐ \$135,000 - \$199,999
- ☐ \$200,000 - \$499,999
- ☐ \$500,000 or More

20. Which of the following best describes you? Select all that apply.

- ☐ Asian
- ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Hispanic or Latin American
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ White
- ☐ Other

21. How many adults (18 years +) are in your household?

- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5 or more

22. How many dependents (18 years old or under) are in your household?

- ☐ 0
- ☐ 1
- ☐ 2
- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4 or more

23. Which describes your disability status? (check all that apply)

- ☐ I do not have a disability
- ☐ Hearing difficulty
- ☐ Vision difficulty
- ☐ Cognitive difficulty
- ☐ Ambulatory difficulty
- ☐ Self-care difficulty (difficulty bathing or dressing)
- ☐ Independent living difficulty (having difficulty living or completing tasks alone due to physical, mental, or emotional problem)
- ☐ Other (please specify)

24. Do you own/lease a vehicle?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

25. What is your primary mode of transportation?

- ☐ Automobile, motorcycle, truck, etc.
- ☐ Public transit
- ☐ Bike
- ☐ Walk
- ☐ Other (please specify)

A Deeper Dive into Housing

Congrats! The key and demographic questions are done.

To better understand the housing needs of the community, we would like to ask a few more open-ended questions about your housing experiences and your general thoughts on housing in the community. While this section is not core to the survey, your housing stories provide valuable insight into the housing needs of individuals throughout the region. You can be as brief or as detailed as you desire in sharing your insights in this section. You can always choose to skip questions.

26. What desires/goals do you have for housing in the future? (ex. downsize, move to warmer location, buy a house on a lake, etc.)

27. What types of housing, if any, are missing in town? Where should that missing housing be built?

28. Are there any housing types that would NOT work well in Barrington? If so, why?

29. What role should local government play in sustaining fair, safe, and predictable housing?

30. If applicable, what is your household's current childcare situation? For example, do you find that childcare availability, proximity, and/or affordability are a challenge?

31. What factors have drawn you to live in Barrington?

32. What do you like about housing in Barrington?

33. In general, what changes (anything) would you like to see in Barrington?

You are done. Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Your responses will play a large role in updating the Housing Chapter of Barrington's Master Plan. We truly value the information you have provided.

34. If you would like to be informed on the progress of the Master Plan's Housing Chapter update moving forward, please share your email below.

Email Address

Barrington Master Plan Update: Housing Chapter

Welcome! This survey is part of the public outreach conducted for the Housing Chapter update of our Master Plan. The purpose of this survey is to help us understand the specific housing needs and goals of the community, as well as help identify what types of housing may be needed in the future. Your responses will remain anonymous, and results will be presented in aggregate form only.

Note: This survey is broken into 3 parts - Key Housing Questions (10 minutes) Demographic Questions (5 minutes) and "Deeper Dive" Questions. After the first section, the other two parts will be optional.

The "Deeper Dive" questions are an opportunity to answer more specific questions that will provide additional input to the planning team.

1. I currently

☐

am a resident of Barrington.

☐

am interested in moving to Barrington.

Other (please specify)

Housing: Key Questions

2. I currently:

(Select all that apply):

- ☐ Rent my home
- ☐ Own my home with a mortgage
- ☐ Own my home without a mortgage
- ☐ Am a dependent (live with parents or other caretakers who pay for my housing)
- ☐ Live with family or roommates and share cost
- ☐ Live in senior housing or assisted living (for seniors or disabled persons)
- ☐ Live in an automobile or camper
- ☐ I do not currently have permanent housing
- ☐ Other (please specify)

3. Do you travel more than 30 minutes from your home for work, childcare, or other daily needs?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other (please specify)

4. What best describes the type of home you currently live in?

(Select one)

- ☐ Single-family home
- ☐ Manufactured or mobile home
- ☐ Apartment, duplex, or condominium (2-4 units)
- ☐ Apartment, condominium, or multi-family home (5 or more units)
- ☐ Accessory Dwelling Unit or in-law apartment
- ☐ A home with needed supportive services (such as assisted living, mental wellness care, job training, etc.)
- ☐ I do not currently have permanent housing (such as living with family/friends, shelter, automobile, camper, etc.)
- ☐ Other (please specify)

5. How long have you lived in your current home?

- ☐ Less than 1 year
- ☐ 1 to 5 years
- ☐ 6 to 10 years
- ☐ 10 to 20 years
- ☐ More than 20 years

6. How long have you lived in Barrington?

- ☐ Less than 1 year
- ☐ 1 to 5 years
- ☐ 6 to 10 years
- ☐ 10 to 20 years
- ☐ More than 20 years

7. If you own your current home AND have a mortgage, when did you purchase it?

- ☐ NA
- ☐ Prior to 1980
- ☐ 1981 to 2000
- ☐ 2001 to 2010
- ☐ 2011 to 2019
- ☐ 2020 to 2023

8. Ideally, what type of housing would you prefer to be living in today (regardless of affordability)?

(Select one)

- ☐ Single-family home
- ☐ Manufactured or mobile home
- ☐ Apartment, duplex, condominium (2-4 units)
- ☐ Apartment, condominium or multi-family home (5 units or more)
- ☐ Accessory dwelling unit or in-law apartment
- ☐ A home with needed supportive services (such as assisted living, mental wellness care, job training, etc.)
- ☐ No permanent housing (such as living with family/friends, automobile or camper)
- ☐ Other (please specify)

9. Indicate your level of priority of the following characteristics when choosing a location to live in. (Please answer each characteristic)

	High	Neutral	Low
In a walkable neighborhood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In a remote area with few neighbors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Close to family and/or friends	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Close to work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Close to amenities (such as shopping, health care, downtown center, recreational areas, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In my affordable price range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
School system	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Size of house/unit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Availability of infrastructure and utilities (sidewalks, water, sewer, internet, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Presence of established village, downtown centers, and events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proximity to outdoor recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other priorities not listed (please specify)

10. Please select the statement that best describes your housing cost (including mortgage/rent, utilities, insurance, and property taxes):

- ☐ My housing cost is less than 30% of our household's total income.
- ☐ My housing cost is between 30%-50% of our household's total income.
- ☐ My housing cost is greater than 50% of our household's total income.
- ☐ I do not pay for my housing.

11. When thinking about housing in Barrington, please indicate your level of agreement with the need for additional units for each stated housing type.

	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	I don't know
High end housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Moderate-income housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Low-income housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rental housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Senior housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing for people with physical disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Housing with supportive services (such as assisted living, mental wellness care, job training, dormitory etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

12. Prioritize the housing-related challenges facing Barrington.

(Please rank the greatest challenge as 1 and the lowest challenge as 7)

- ☐

Cost of housing or rent
- ☐

Cost of repair, maintenance, or accessibility needs
- ☐

Homelessness
- ☐

Neighborhood safety
- ☐

Availability of housing options (different types)
- ☐

Housing discrimination
- ☐

Presence of unkept (or vacant) homes and properties

13. Indicate the level of impact each of the following factors has on your ability to stay in Barrington.

	Significantly impacts	Somewhat impacts	Slightly impacts	Does not impact
Supply of available housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality of available housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost of available housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Type of available housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Location of available housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I don't feel I have the choice to move due to lack of housing options and/or moving costs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

14. Indicate your level of agreement with the following statements about your current housing needs. (check all that apply)

	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	I don't know
My current housing meets my needs today.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My current housing meets my anticipated needs for the next 10 years.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My current housing is in need of major improvements or repairs to remain livable.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My ability to stay in town depends on finding decent affordable housing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I do not currently have permanent housing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

15. Indicate the impact you believe the following factors have on peoples' decisions to stay or move into town.

	Significantly impacts	Somewhat impacts	Does not impact	I don't know
Household income	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Employment opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Having a choice of high schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Qualifying for a mortgage or construction loan	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Interest rates	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Available land suitable for development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Available utilities and infrastructure (water, sewer, roads, electric, internet, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cost of land	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cost of construction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Property taxes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Municipal regulations and permits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Level of local government investment (road maintenance, parks, services, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)