



**Town of Barrington  
Public Meeting Minutes  
Barrington Housing Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting #6**

**Wednesday, March 6, 2024, 4:00PM – 5:30 PM  
TOWN HALL LAND USE CONFERENCE ROOM @ TOWN HALL  
4 SIGNATURE DRIVE  
BARRINGTON, NH 03825**

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

Committee Member Absent: Jamey Jameson

Staff Attendees: Vanessa Price

The Barrington Steering Committee will hold a work session on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, concerning the following agenda items for discussion:

**Primary purpose of the meeting: Goal Setting for the Housing Chapter of the Master Plan**

1. Goals of the Housing Master Plan.
  - a. Finalize drafted new goals and recommendations for the 2024 Housing Chapter.

The Housing Committee members worked on finalizing the goals for the Housing Master Plan Chapter. These will be incorporated into the main document chapter. The following Potential Goals for the Housing Chapter were drafted at the Housing Committee workshop on 3/07/2024.

- A. Ensure that the opportunity for development and redevelopment within the Town of Barrington allows for moderate priced housing and maintaining rural character.

**Recommendations:**

- Encourage developers to work with residents living in neighborhoods adjacent to potential projects to understand the community's concerns prior to formalizing development plans.
- Provide adequate setback buffers between multi-unit housing developments, residential areas and Class V roads.
- Conduct a comprehensive regulatory audit to ensure zoning and land use regulations encourage housing stock that maintains rural character and moderate priced housing.
- Explore architectural façade standards along Route 125 commercial district.

- B. Ensure the opportunity for the development and redevelopment that allows for aging in place.

**Recommendations:**

- Encourage development that incorporates principles of universal design that facilitates multi-generational housing interest.
- Continue to annually evaluate the current tax exemption standards for senior homeowners on their ability to remain in Barrington.
- Encourage the development of elderly housing in appropriate areas of the community served by existing infrastructure, services, and amenities.  
Explore to create or adjust “special use regulations” to encourage 62+ rental housing opportunities.

C. Ensure that housing development and redevelopment projects incorporate principles of resiliency.

**Recommendations:**

- Seek energy-efficient design of new housing units during the review and approval process.
- Promote energy efficiency construction practices during redevelopment projects through retrofitting.
- Promote linkages and integration between neighborhoods, community facilities, and places of employment.

These goals will be forwarded to SRPC to incorporate into the main document of the drafted Housing Chapter.

2. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30PM. Next meeting date will be TBD for review of the final draft of the Housing Chapter.