

**Town of Barrington
Public Meeting Minutes
Barrington Housing Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting #1**

**JUNE 26, 2023, 4:00PM - 6:00 PM
TOWN HALL LAND USE CONFERENCE ROOM @ TOWN HALL
4 SIGNATURE DRIVE
BARRINGTON, NH 03825**

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

Staff Attendees: Vanessa Price, Jamey Jameson

SRPC Staff Attendees: Lisa Murphy

The Barrington Steering Committee will hold a work session on Monday, June 26, 2023, concerning the following agenda items for discussion:

Primary purpose of the meeting: Kick off Meeting for the update to 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, John Driscoll, Tracy Hardekopf, Bob Caverly, Gilbert Smith; Town code enforcement deputy, Jayme Jameson; and Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) Senior Regional Planner, Lisa Murphy.
 - Vanessa passed out the current 2016 chapter of the Master Plan Housing Chapter.
 - Vanessa turned over the presentation to Lisa with SRPC to present the overview of the Master Plan, what the goals are for the project and timeframes for meeting milestones.
2. Discussion by SRPC for the Overview of the project and timeframe for completing milestones. (Refer to PowerPoint presentation attached.)
 - Lisa discussed the purpose of a Master plan and the need for it to be updated every 5- 10 years.
 - The Barrington Planning Board, at the October 25, 2022, met for a work session discussion with regards to the Housing Opportunity Planning (HOP) Grant Program. HOP grants will be administered by Plan NH under contract with NH Housing. The Town has obtained the grant opportunity for the Needs Analysis and Planning for the Housing Master Plan Chapter.

- The execution of the grant award started on January 25, 2023, and will continue to the expiration of July 31, 2024.
 - The committee members had a brief discussion on how there will be changes from 2016 until now.
 - Lisa discussed that data collected from a community survey, and public forum and community outreach will give the data to see what the housing trends in Barrington are.
 - Discussion that there are factors that result in the growth of a community.
 - i. Co-Vid
 - ii. Climate change
 - iii. Affordability.
 - iv. Younger families move into the area because of the recreation programming.
3. Discussion on community survey. (Working draft copy attached to these meeting minutes.)
- Lisa presented to the steering committee the drafted survey questions for the housing chapter. Questions reviewed would be Town of Barrington Specific.
 - Discussion to have identifier questions,
 - Reviewed Housing Key questions, questions 1 – 15.
 - Will continue at the next meeting questions on the survey relating to demographics and deeper dive into housing.
 - Lisa also asked the steering committee to think if there were different questions that can be discussed at the next meeting.
4. Discussion on outreach methods and public events.
- For the community survey outreach was discussed.
 - A QR code can be generated, and paper copies may be available depending upon the survey platform. (Lisa to check).
 - Outreach ideas: BYA Field, Chamber, Library summer concert
 - Possibility of mailers or printable items. May be cost prohibitive.
5. Adjourn and discuss next future meeting dates.
- Meeting adjourned at 6:00PM. Next meeting date will be in July TBD. Finishing up the survey questions to get it ready for the summer concert series and back to school.

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TOWN OF BARRINGTON 2023-24 HOUSING CHAPTER




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AGENDA

- Present a brief overview of the purpose of an updated housing chapter
- Discuss project timeline
- Discuss community outreach opportunities
 - Review the draft community housing survey
- Discuss future meetings
 - Who's missing
 - Frequency of meetings/potential dates

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BARRINGTON HOUSING CHAPTER UPDATE

Project Timeline

Task	2023												2024			
	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	
1. Online Survey																
2. Public Forum																
3. Data Analysis																
4. Custom Mapping																
5. Planning Board Workshop																
6. Scenario Planning																
7. Draft Preparation																
8. Board Meeting																
9. Adoption Hearing																

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ACTION ITEMS

- Outline of Meeting Objectives:
- **A** - Kickoff Meeting (project timeline, deliverables, approach, outline and articulate ideas for outreach initiatives)
- **B** - Review and Refine Outreach Approaches
- **C** - Planning Board Workshop/Review Draft Chapter
- **D** - Final Meeting to Refine Content
- **E** - Adoption Hearing

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NEXT STEPS: OUTREACH & MEETING DATE

General

- Local groups and stakeholders?

Online Survey

- Distribution
- Tools

Planning Board workshop

- Interactive mapping exercise

Next Meeting Date?

- July/August 2023

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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.

Housing: Key Questions

1. 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 a shelter, halfway house, or other temporary housing
- ☐ 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)

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

(Select one)

- ☐ Single-family home
- ☐ Manufactured or mobile home
- ☐ Multi-family home (2-4 units)
- ☐ Multi-family home (5-20+ units)
- ☐ Larger multi-family building (more than 20 units)
- ☐ Townhouse or Row house
- ☐ Accessory Dwelling Unit or in-law apartment
- ☐ A home with needed supportive services (such as mental wellness care, job training, dormitory etc.)
- ☐ I do not currently have permanent housing (such as living with family/friends, shelter, automobile, camper, etc.)
- ☐ Other (please specify)

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

- ☐ Less than 1 year
- ☐ 2 to 5 years
- ☐ 6 to 10 years
- ☐ Over 10 years

4. How long have you lived in Barrington?

- ☐ Less than 1 year
- ☐ 2 to 5 years
- ☐ 6 to 10 years
- ☐ Over 10 years

5. 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

6. 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
- ☐ Multi-family home (2-4 units)
- ☐ Multi-family home (5-20+ units)
- ☐ Larger multi-family building (more than 20 units)
- ☐ Townhouse or Row house
- ☐ Accessory dwelling unit or in-law apartment
- ☐ A home with needed supportive services (such as mental wellness care, job training, dormitory etc.)
- ☐ No permanent housing (such as living with family/friends, automobile or camper)
- ☐ Other (please specify)

7. 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"/>
Close to 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)

8. 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.

9. 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 mental wellness care, job training, dormitory etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

10. Prioritize the housing-related challenges facing your community.
(Please rank the greatest challenge as 1 and the lowest challenge as 8)

Cost of housing or rent

Cost of repair, maintenance, or ADA accessibility needs

Homelessness

Neighborhood safety

Availability of housing options (different types)

Housing discrimination

Presence of unkept (or vacant) homes and properties

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

	Significantly impacts	Somewhat impacts	Slightly impacts	Does not impact	N/A
Supply of available housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost of available housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Location of available housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	N/A	I don't know
My current housing meets my needs today.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>	<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"/>	<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted my housing.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

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

	Significantly impacts	Somewhat impacts	Slightly impacts	Does not impact	N/A	I don't know
Household income	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<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"/>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Interest rates	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<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"/>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cost of land	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Property taxes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<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"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Level of local government investment (road maintenance, schools, parks, services, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other (please specify)

15. 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