

Newburyport Affordable Housing Trust
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, June 11, 2018
Meeting Location: Mayor's Conference Room, City Hall
Members in Attendance: Judy Tymon, Chair, Susanne Cameron, Karen Wiener, Mayor Holaday, Madeline Nash (via phone)
Others Present: Kate Newhall-Smith, AHT Administrator, Karen Sawyer Conard, Executive Director, MVPC, and Angela Cleveland, Economic Development Planner, MVPC
Minutes Taker: Kate Newhall-Smith

Tymon calls the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

Housing Production Plan

Members of the Trust discuss various edits to the draft HPP that will make it a stronger document. The data presented is good, but the Trust wants to remove sentences that could be taken out of context and used to counter efforts to construct affordable housing.

Ms. Cleveland acknowledges that there is a margin of error with the data, it represents estimates, and that the data sources are the only ones available in terms of census and ACS data. Some may state that the data is 'old', but is the most current information available from these sources.

Tymon and Nash discuss the need to compare the data of Newburyport today to that of the city from 2013 – the last HPP. This type of comparison will help the city's ability to speak in a meaningful way about its needs and to report on the city's progress over the past five years.

Ms. Conard is in full support of editing the document and adding in the comparison piece.

Wiener would like to tailor the strategies so they are more applicable to Newburyport.

Trust members agree that a strong executive summary is needed. Smith agrees to draft a summary for the Trust's review.

Tymon will work on the comparison piece, Wiener will review and edit to ensure that the text is consistent, Cameron will work on the strategies.

Wiener asks about the timeframe. Ms. Conard would like to have the plan adopted by Labor Day.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Trust is scheduled for July 19th.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.