

Town of Litchfield
Housing Plan Steering Committee
March 16, 2022

7:00pm
Meeting held via Zoom*

In attendance:

Committee members present: Will Neary, Cleve Fuessenich, Dean Birdsall, Ted Murphy, Michael Lyn Cappella, Diane Field, and Denise Raap (ex-officio). **Also present** was Jim Simoncelli, Litchfield Housing Authority; and Jocelyn Ayer, planning consultant.

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J Ayer screen shared the **attached document which summarizes the housing needs** that have been identified to date through the resident and worker housing needs surveys and the data analysis. She also included a summary of what is in the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development on Housing Policies and Strategies. Ayer mentioned that she had a conversation with Carol Bramley, Chair of the Litchfield Planning & Zoning Commission to discuss how those strategies have been implemented since the plan was adopted in 2017 and to review current zoning regulations impacting the creation of housing options.

The Committee then briefly reviewed the **draft outline/table of contents** in the attached document and then moved on to discuss the **possible goals and strategies** in the attached document. Some of the comments from the committee are notes in red text on the attached list. Ayer explained that the purpose of reviewing this list of ideas was to have the committee brainstorming all the possible goals and strategies that could be included in the draft plan that address the specific housing needs identified. The Committee will then go back to this list at the next meeting to decide which they would like to keep and which strategies/goals are not realistic or not a priority at this time. Ayer said that once the committee is comfortable with this draft list of goals and strategies, we will hold another townwide meeting and **invite residents to come provide their feedback** on these draft goals and strategies. We will try to set a date for that meeting at the next meeting of the Steering Committee.

J. Ayer said she needed to request that the Committee change the date of their next meeting. The Steering Committee decided that they will meet again on **April 13th instead of April 20th**. Due to the date change this will be a special meeting. The Committee discussed whether to meet in person for the April meeting. It was decided that the April meeting would be held via Zoom but that they would consider holding the May meeting in person.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.