

CITY OF DOVER

AD-HOC COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS COMMUNITY HOUSING NEEDS – DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: City Hall, Council Conference Room
Meeting Date: Monday, April 24, 2025
Meeting Time: 5:30 pm

Regular Members: 9

Mayor Robert Carrier, City Council, Chair
George DeBoer, Planning Board
Ryan Crosby, Dover Housing Authority
Betsey Andrews Parker, CAPSC, Vice-Chair
Robert Baldwin
Mark O'Dell
Dorothy Wagner
Ernie Clark
Krysta Gingue

Alternate Members: 2

Pam Lessard, Secretary
Mary Beth Rudolph

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Carrier called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. The roll was called.
Absent: George DeBoer, Mark O'Dell, and Ernie Clark. Ryan Crosby, excused.
Additional Attendees: Donna Benton, Director of Planning & Community Development

3. CITIZEN'S FORUM

Mayor Carrier opened the Citizen's Forum. Citizen's Forum closed with no public comment.

4. APPROVAL OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2025

Motion by Betsey Andrews Parker to accept last month's organizational meeting minutes. Second by Krysta Gingue.

5. COMMITTEE WORKSHOP SESSION-REPORT CONTENT AND FORMAT REVIEW FOCUSING ON RECOMMENDATIONS

Donna Benton led the discussion of the Final Draft of the Ad-Hoc Committee's Final Report beginning with the section on the Committee's Recommendations. The discussion followed Dover's Vision Statement "pillars" 4.1 through 4.12, including the topics of housing affordability, increasing housing availability to vulnerable and underserved citizens, ideas for expanding public/private partnerships, employer-assisted housing programs and increasing financial incentives for developers, landlords, and homeowners to increase housing stock. One problem under discussion was the fact that Dover requires more housing for its essential workers in order to acquire and maintain full staffing of police, fire fighters,

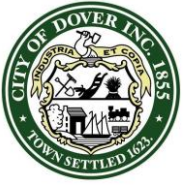
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teachers, health workers, retail and city employees and construction workers. Dover needs a housing needs assessment in order to identify and address the housing needs of vulnerable and underserved populations and to stem the exodus of young, elderly, low to middle income local citizens, and essential workers from Dover. The Ad-Hoc Committee to Address Housing Needs strongly recommends the creation of a Housing Commission in Dover to support and oversee solutions to the housing crisis. The city also needs to hold public meetings to educate the public on HUD, New Hampshire Housing and other programs that are available to extend financial support to rent-burdened and low-income people hoping to rent or purchase homes in Dover and to exchange ideas with public officials on addressing the city's housing needs.

6. Adjourn

There was a motion to adjourn by Mary Beth Rudolph, seconded by Krysta Gingue. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

The Ad-Hoc Housing Committee's next meeting will be held in the first floor Conference Room, City Hall on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 5:00. PM.