

NEW DURHAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
December 6th 12:30-2pm
Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order 12:35 pm on Dec 6, 2023

Present:

Walter Ahlin
Nancy Ahlin
Linda Callaway
Cathy Long
Paul Perry
Mark Sullivan
Courtney Grugnale
Cecile Chase

Zoom:

Jeff Allard
Stephennie Freeman

Homework Assignments on top 3 priorities reviewed on spreadsheet Courtney created with answers from the members.

-Affordable Housing / Low Income Needs (3) -Short Term Rentals / Airbnbs (3) -Commercial Development (2) -Municipal Planning (2) -Residential or 55 plus (2)

Outliners reviewed:

Study recent development surrounding bodies of water and make relevant recommendations.
High Priority, Existing Problems, Getting and Keeping Community Engaged.

Discussion on breaking into smaller groups to take on major topics and discuss findings at future meetings.

Topics:

1-Airbnbs / STR will be researched by Walter Ahlin, Nancy Ahlin and Cathy Long Research other NH town ordinance's, NH State Laws on restrictions and regulations.

NHMA May help with answers to any questions.

Corporations buying up homes for business use only.

2-Commercial Development will be researched by Mark Sullivan What impact business has on taxes
What can bring in revenue which won't raise taxes What business would fit New Durham or not
Locations for businesses

Courtney will provide Town Map of developable commercial property for next meeting.

Courtney (SRPC) looking into a Tax Specialist for a Workshop to address questions of town tax impact being positive /or negative and for development plans of nearby towns similar in size with results of grant money what it was used for and what resulted from it.

3-Affordable Housing will be lead by Linda Callaway with the help of Jeff Allard and Cathy Long.
Pocket Neighborhoods

Encourage ADU's for long term rentals, rent control Senior Housing / 55+

4- Municipal Planning

Invite Fire and Police Chief to speak regarding information?

Cecile Chase to look into can we or should we play a role on the issue?

Town Survey

Discussion on online survey located on town website and the July 9, 2023 workshop held.

Courtney will pull information and summarize for a starting point and we will review at the next meeting.

Once topics are researched and input from town needed survey should be kept short.

Courtney mentioned grant will pay for mail out, Jeff stated Planning Board could cover the postage.

Main Theme: Preserve the Small Town Character of New Durham

Courtney will send out email to set up next meeting in January.

Next meeting will discuss STRs / Airbnbs presented by Walter Ahlin

Motion to Adjourn by Mark Sullivan and Linda Callaway Roll call Adjourned 2 pm