



MEETING MINUTES

City of Portsmouth Housing Blue Ribbon Committee Conference Room A at City Hall*

**Thursday, June 27, 2024
5:30 p.m.**

I. Roll Call

Meeting Called to Order by Co-Chair Kelly at 5:30p.m.

Co-Chair Kelly calls roll call:

Attending: Assistant Mayor Joanna Kelley, Councilor John Tabor, Councilor Beth Moreau, Erik Anderson, Megan Corsetti, Tracey Kozak, Mary Loane, Dagan Migirditch, John O'Leary, Planning and Sustainability Director Peter Britz, and Housing Navigator Howard Snyder.

Absent: City Manager Karen Conard, School Board Representative Byron Matto, Jennifer Stebbins Thomas, Planning Manager Peter Stith

II. Approval of 6/13/2024 Meeting Minutes

No meeting minutes presented.

III. Committee Member Remarks

John O'Leary: Opens discussion on his previous inquiry about tax abatements and what the response to it will be. Considerations should be made regarding this due to committee's review of zoning changes at Commerce Way. Asks about the difference between commercial and residential in terms of services, impacts of children on the school system and what will the city compromise for what levels of units and bedrooms. Ends with what the fiscal impact will be of additional housing.

Erik Anderson: States agreement with John O'Leary's items.

Co-Chair Kelly: Notes school enrollment has been decreasing in Portsmouth.

Co-Chair Tabor: Mentions committee's reporting to City Council needs to have answers and we need to review potential impacts such as what is the city's relationship with recent development and school age children?

Erik Anderson: Asks for an update on the Sherburne school RFQ process.



Co-Chair Kelly: Updates will be provided by the City Manager at the next City Council meeting.

Erik Anderson: States concern on what the proposal will be and any dialogue with the committee would be helpful.

IV. City Owned Land

Co-Chair Tabor: Review of previous land use committee's and the housing committee's previous efforts regarding on city owned land. General consensus was reached regarding committee making visits to the site and ranking the sites based on new criteria.

V. Housing Navigator Update

Howard Snyder: Reviews city owned land datasets and findings provided in the packet including initial list provided to the Land Use Committee, planning and sustainability department's memorandum, and current evaluation matrix that includes three additional criteria provided by the committee at the last meeting.

Howard Snyder: Briefing on Service Credit Union Charrette and reviews power point presentation developed during the charrette and presented to the public at the end of the effort.

VI. Public Comment

Jim Smalley @ 352 Kearsarge Way: Discusses previous observations and his current thoughts made regarding tax abatement. Comments also made on infrastructure costs and value.

Dagan Migirditch: Requests information on structure of working groups and a future conversation about how they will function.

Co-Chair Kelly: Mention on next meeting is scheduled for July 11th.

Co-Chair Kelly: Motion to adjourn

Councilor Moreau: So moved.

Tracey Kozak: Second.

In favor: All.

Opposed: None.

Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:46p.m.