



Affordable Housing Steering Committee Charge

The Affordable Housing Steering Committee (AHSC) is hereby formed and directed to:

- Lead in the facilitation and creation of affordable housing in Cohasset to ensure the Town's ability to attain compliance under MGL 40B safe harbor;
- Work with Affordable Housing Trust and Community Preservation Committee to identify and prioritize additional affordable housing projects as part of the Housing Production Plan (HPP) pipeline;
- Assist the Director of Planning in housing grants;
- Review current housing data and update annually; and
- Serve as an authoritative source of information about available local, state and federal programs, resources and funds.

The Committee will assist the Affordable Housing Trust with necessary coordination for the development and administration of any Town Meeting approved, committee advocated projects.

The Committee will be advisor to the Cohasset Select Board, reporting their activity and progress quarterly, seeking counsel from the Board as necessary.

The Committee will consist of a minimum of seven (7) voting members all of whom shall be citizens of the Town of Cohasset. All committee members will be appointed by the Cohasset Select Board for a three-year term.

The Committee will be constructed to include one member each from:

- One (1) representative from the Housing Authority
- One (1) representative from the Planning Board
- One (1) representative from the Council on Elder Affairs
- Up to four (4) citizens at large with special attention to those with skills or specific knowledge of the law, real estate development, housing design, construction or permitting and finance.
- Planning Director (ex-officio)
- In addition, the AHSC is requesting that the following three (3) committees appoint liaisons to the committee to ensure collaboration and coordination on affordable housing initiatives:
 - Liaison from the Sewer Commission
 - Liaison from the Master Plan Implementation Committee
 - Liaison from the Cohasset Select Board
- Additional ex-officio seats may include school committee, local clergy, non-affiliated affordable housing advocacy representatives, Board of Health, Veterans Service Officer.

The Committee shall reorganize annually, choosing officers of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary. No officer shall serve more than three consecutive years in the same role.

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