

WAYLAND HOUSING PARTNERSHIP

Purpose: The Wayland Housing Partnership works with the community to lead and support efforts to meet the affordable housing needs of the Town of Wayland.

Charge: The Wayland Housing Partnership shall

- Work with the town to develop affordable housing action plans based on housing needs studies
- Establish criteria to evaluate affordable housing proposals
- Make recommendations on the pros and cons of particular housing proposals
- Identify local, state, and federal housing resources to further development
- Locate available land suitable for development
- Review land use regulations and zoning bylaws
- Work with developers of affordable housing
- Increase public awareness through forums and other public events

Membership:

The Board of Selectmen shall appoint a committee of nine members, including a member or representative of the Board of Selectmen and representatives appointed by the Wayland Housing Authority, Planning Board, Conservation Committee, School Committee, the Wayland Clergy Association, and three members from the community at large. Members shall serve for staggered three-year terms. The Wayland Housing Partnership may appoint subcommittees chaired by one of its own members with additional members from outside the committee.

MISSION STATEMENT

Background

The Wayland Housing Partnership was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to study the need for affordable housing and to recommend procedures for the implementation of Wayland Affordable Housing policy. The general affordable housing objectives of the partnership have the approval of the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Housing Authority, Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and other applicable town boards, commissions, and committees.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator, with the concurrence of the aforementioned boards, commissions, and committees, have delegated certain defined responsibilities and functions to the partnership. These include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

The partnership will act as the Town's initial contact with developers of proposed affordable residential housing projects that are site-specific and for which the developer has indicated an intention to request an increase in allowed density or other variances in return for said provision of affordable housing. In this context, the partnership will serve as a preliminary negotiating agency.

The partnership may also initiate action intended to create affordable residential housing projects. In this context the partnership will work to create a specific project consistent with Town policy.

PROCEDURES

In fulfillment of this mission, the partnership will forward its project specific preliminary recommendations and conclusions to each of the above mentioned boards, commissions, and committees with a request for comments from each. Comments will be reviewed with the partnership and the authors of the comments. Following the review process, the partnership by majority vote will issue project specific recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for action.