



TOWN OF SHREWSBURY

Conference Room A
Richard D. Carney Municipal Office Building
100 Maple Avenue
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts 01545-5398

Minutes

Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 5:30 PM

Minutes of the Shrewsbury DEI Taskforce Housing Subcommittee Meeting Conducted 7/13/2021

Participating in person (town hall): Jennie Fishman, Ruth Febo
Participating remotely: Louise Garone, Kristen Las (guest)

1. Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by Jennie Fishman
2. Kristen Las provided an update on affordable housing in Shrewsbury
 - a. Development at old Beal School
 - i. Proposed: 50 rental units with 10% affordable (40B subsidized housing)
 - ii. Proposed: 8,000 to 20,000 sq ft commercial space
 - b. Point at Hill Farms
 - i. Was 248 rental units with 25% affordable, will be 92 rental units and all will be affordable
 - c. Market Basket (Rt 20)
 - i. 250 rental units with 10% affordable
 - d. Affordable Housing Board of Trustees
(<https://shrewsburyma.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=5255>)
 - i. Consists of five (5) members. One (1) member shall be a designee from the Board of Selectmen, one member shall be the Town Manager or the Assistant Town Manager, and three (3) members shall be residents of the Town of Shrewsbury.
 1. The purpose of the Affordable Housing Board of Trustees is to create and preserve affordable housing in the Town of Shrewsbury for the benefit of low and moderate income households and for the funding of community housing, as defined in and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws.
 - e. Housing Production Plan (HPP)
 - i. New report will use 2020 census data
 - ii. Progress measured against existing goals
3. Jennie gave short update on meeting with Kelly Bergeron from the Shrewsbury Housing Authority

- a. Response to COVID
 - b. Vaccination Drive
 - c. Homelessness in Shrewsbury
 - d. Federal and State affordable housing differences
 - i. Federal, HUD
 - ii. State, CHAMP, Section 8
4. Discussed Landing Page/Resource Page content
- a. We would like to see the page have a look similar to the site below, card format, <https://www.mahealthyfoodsinasnap.org/healthy-foods>
 - b. CDC, Community Development Corporation, <http://www.rcapsolutions.org/>
 - c. Mass Realtor info
 - d. We will ask Taylor to create a folder in our Housing folder to add suggested sites for Landing Page/Resource Page
5. Next meeting will be July 27, 2021, 5:30pm at Town Hall
- a. Go over recommendation wording (Jennie Fishman, Louise Garone, Ruth Febo)
6. Approve minutes from last meeting, June 8, 2021
- a. Louise moved to approve, Jennie seconded the motion.
7. Discussed possible recommendations for final report to BoS:
- a. Landing Page/Resource Page on Town website (DEI Page)
 - b. Town to engage residents on rental rights, etc. by way of seminars at Shrewsbury Public Library
 - c. Town to engage Realtors by way of seminars at Shrewsbury Public Library
 - d. Town to engage landlords and building managers by way of seminars at Shrewsbury Public Library
8. Louise moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 PM, Ruth seconded the motion.

Submitted by Ruth Febo
7/19/2021