



TOWN OF SHREWSBURY

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

Minutes

Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 5:30 PM

Minutes of the Shrewsbury DEI Taskforce Housing Subcommittee Meeting

Conducted 7/27/2021

Participating in person (town hall): Jennie Fishman, Louise Garone, Ruth Febo

Participating remotely: all in person

1. Meeting called to order at 5:40 PM by Jennie Fishman
2. Approved minutes from last meeting, July 13, 2021
 - a. Louise moved to approve, Jennie seconded the motion
3. Reviewed recommendations for landing page

Recommendation 1 of 3:

i. Collect links to the following on a single webpage, easily accessed from shrewsburyma.gov, under the header "Information about Housing in Shrewsbury"

1. Most recent Annual Report
2. Town of Shrewsbury Master Plan 2016_ShrewsburyMasterPlan
3. Town of Shrewsbury Housing Production Plan Microsoft Word - HousingProductionPlan_MidCensusUpdate_2018_DRAFT (shrewsburyma.gov)
4. Link to the town Planning Board Planning Board | Shrewsbury, MA (shrewsburyma.gov)
5. Link to the town zoning map Zoning-Map-August-8-2020 (shrewsburyma.gov)
6. Link to page called "Understand the Law and how to respond productively if you have been the target of a discriminatory housing practice"

ii. Collect the following links under the header "Understand the Law and how to respond productively if you have been the target of a discriminatory housing practice"

1. Link to the Fair Housing Act Resource for Renters, For Landlords and For Realtors Zoning-Map-August-8-2020 (shrewsburyma.gov)
2. Link to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development DHCD Fair Housing and Civil Rights Information | Mass.gov
3. Link to the MCAS Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination | Mass.gov
4. Link to Office of the Attorney General of Massachusetts File a civil rights complaint | Mass.gov

iii. Collect the following links under the heading “General Resources for Homebuyer and Housing Consumers”

1. Resources for Communities and People, Worcester
<http://www.rcapsolutions.org/education-training-client-resources/2>
2. The Massachusetts Accessible Housing Registry Home | Mass Access Housing Registry
3. The Shrewsbury Housing Authority Shrewsbury Housing Authority (shrewsburyha.org)

a. Recommendation 2 of 3:

.With help from the Shrewsbury Public Library provide public support for a seminar on renters’ rights

i. With help from the Shrewsbury Public Library provide public support of a seminar engaging local realtors (we discussed and decided to remove this recommendation)

ii. With help from the Shrewsbury Public Library provide public support for a seminar on housing rights targeted to

b. Recommendation 3 of 3: (per discussion, recommendation will be moved to the DEI Task Force to propose)

.Reformat the Housing subcommittee landing page on shrewsburyma.gov so that it demonstrates a card array design, like this website Healthy Foods | SNAP Nutrition Education (mahealthyfoodsinsnap.org)

4. Reviewed language in communication template

. We propose a recommendation that the Town Manager communicate the outcome of the DEI Task Force and present the landing page.

5. Next meeting will be Monday, August 16, 2021, 5:30pm via Google Meet

6. Ruth moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 PM, Louise seconded the motion

Submitted by Ruth Febo

8/4/2021