3/7/2022 Thoughts on committee Councilor Susan Gillis

Exploring Affordable Housing Opportunities

Introduction

According to the GPCOG, Southern Maine is facing an acute need for housing, especially subsidized and moderate housing for first time home buyers. What aspect of affordable housing should we focus on?

Charge

Who are we targeting?

What affordable opportunities are needed for cost burdened seniors ready to downsize and for young families to move into Cape Elizabeth

Discuss different affordable housing options, including smaller or non conforming lots, ADU's, Duplexes, single family and multiplex housing built on leased municipal land.

Do we want to change building square footage and height in our zoning laws?

Are we willing to give up open space for a planned development?

Basically an ad hoc committee to address #80, 81, 82, and 84 of the Comprehensive Plan