



Housing Committee

July 8, 2026

The South Burlington Housing Committee was called to order at 6:00 PM on July 8th in City Hall, 180 Market Street and via Zoom.

Committee members present included Chair Nora Senecal, Vince Bolduc, Sandy Dooley, Meghan Tedder, Mona Tolba and Dawn Philibert. The two new Committee members, Mona and Dawn were introduced and welcomed.

Others present: Kelsey Peterson (Senior City Planner), and Elizabeth Fitzgerald, designated representative from the City Council. Cymone Bedford joined electronically and Ryan Doyle was in the room.

Staff reports: Kelsey reported on the work of the Climate Action Task Force on EV charging stations for private multi family housing units. She replaced Chris Trombly who was a rep from our HC. She asked for a volunteer for the Building and Thermal Energy Committee and Vince agreed to step in. Ryan Doyle asked if we knew how many people may have become unhoused as a result of the new rental registration process. No one knew but agreed it was a good question which we should pursue next time we meet with the Registry personnel.

Kelsey reported on the success of the "learn from your neighbors" forum on ADU's last month. Not including staff and presenters, about 32 members of the public attended. This is addition to the one held in Burlington the previous month with similar attendance. Kelsey also reported that the Planning Commission submitted the annual list of proposed changes in the LDRs to the City Council and they have been duly "warned" to the public. These included, for example, some changed to our "adaptive use" regs and the proposal that no zoning permits are required for interior changes for residences if the cost is \$5,000 or less.

Elizabeth reported from the City Council on housing impact fees. She also reported that it seems that the statewide pre-designed model homes MAY NOT meet our energy codes as presently written.

Sandy reported that on June 16th that she and Cymone attended a meeting related to statewide housing issues.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved with abstentions from the two new members.

The Chair opened the floor for nominations for a new Chair and Recording Secretary for the following term. After some discussions, it was decided that Nora Senecal and Meghan Tedder would stand for nominations as co-chairs, and by a vote by the Committee, they secured their positions. Vince Bolduc agreed to serve as Recording Secretary again.

Elizabeth informed the Committee that the CC had approved a Housing Needs Assessment study for the following year. This effort is being overseen by the CCRPC county-wide and will depend upon each town within the region to carry their weight, and that we expect this HC to also be involved. The Housing Trust Fund which our Committee oversees was discussed and it was clear that it needs modernizing and updating with a clear outreach plan that focuses on affordability.

Elizabeth then reported at some length on the Economic Development action plan. Kelsey will try to make copies of the Work Plan in a digital format to share with the Committee.

The Committee adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Vince Bolduc, Secretary