

Town of Fairfield News

4/27/2022 - Public Invited To Give Input On Affordable Housing Options In Fairfield

First Selectwoman Brenda L. Kupchick announced today that the Town of Fairfield has scheduled a public meeting to get input from Fairfield residents regarding possible strategies related to diversifying Fairfield's housing portfolio.



The meeting is scheduled for:

Wednesday May 11, 2022
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Board of Education Conference Room (Room 295A/B)
501 Kings Highway E.
Fairfield, CT 06825

At the request of the Board of Selectmen, the Town's Affordable Housing Committee is updating the 2014 Affordable Housing Plan for Fairfield. Communities are now required by State law to develop and update affordable housing plans every five years beginning June 1, 2022.

The Affordable Housing Plan is intended to outline recommended goals and strategies to facilitate the development of affordable housing and housing options in Fairfield over the next five years as well as offer guidance on its implementation.

The State of Connecticut considers housing to be affordable if total housing costs do not exceed 30% of household income for persons or families whose annual income does not exceed the lesser of the statewide or area median income (AMI). At present, a family of four making less than \$80,480 per year or an individual making less than \$56,336 per year is considered low-income and could qualify for affordable housing in Fairfield.

Following a joint meeting with the Town Plan and Zoning Commission in April, the Committee has prepared a draft report and is soliciting public comment. The draft report and more information is available at www.fairfieldct.org/ahc.

Residents may also submit written comments on the draft plan through May 11, 2022 via email at AHCCommittee@fairfieldct.org or provide comments by mail to the Office of Community and Economic Development, Old Town Hall, 611 Old Post Road, Fairfield, CT 06824.

The public meeting will provide an opportunity for Fairfield residents to consider the changing housing needs of the community and to discuss priorities and strategies for addressing those needs. Following the public meeting, the Affordable Housing Committee will complete its report and present its findings to the Board of Selectmen.

Fairfield residents are encouraged to come to the meeting and participate in the discussion. "This issue is important to many people, and having an opportunity to share ideas will help the Town make good choices and develop a plan to proactively address these challenges", said Mark Barnhart, Director of Community and Economic Development.

For more information or questions, please contact Community and Economic Development Director Mark Barnhart at 203-256-3120.

The photo shows the Fairfield Housing Authority's Pine Tree Lane development.

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