



TOWN OF PUTNEY

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Putney Housing Needs Assessment & Action Plan Selectboard Resolution to Adopt and Support Implementation February 19, 2025

WHEREAS the 2023 Putney Town Plan adopted by the Putney Selectboard (“Selectboard”) on November 29, 2023, and approved by the State of Vermont in accordance with 24 V.S.A 4387 calls for the Town to:

- “Seek resources to maintain an up-to-date housing needs assessment and action plan to address identified needs including to maintain owner-occupied and rental housing affordability for residents of all ages and abilities;” (p. 26)
- “Seek state and regional collaborations to advance Putney’s housing objectives.” (p. 26)
- “Seek resources to hire a full-time Town Housing Officer to assist the Town to implement housing-related recommendations ... including coordination with community initiatives.” (p. 26)
- “Increase the number of weatherized homes from 18% (in 2023) to 90% [by 2050].” (p. 32)
- “Establish funds or funding mechanisms to assist the Town, residents and businesses to improve efficiency and transition to net-zero carbon energy consumption;” (p. 32)
- “Foster state and regional partnerships to remove financial, technical and implementation barriers to home and building efficiency upgrades including expansion of no- and low-cost weatherization and appliance replacement for high energy burden households.” (p. 32)

WHEREAS the Town received a Municipal Planning Grant of \$30,000 from the Vermont Department of Housing & Community Development matched by a Selectboard allocation of \$20,000 from the Town’s ARPA Fund to undertake a housing needs assessment and action plan;

WHEREAS the Selectboard approved a contract with Camoin Associates, selected through a competitive solicitation process, to assist the Planning Commission (“PC”) to undertake a Housing Needs Assessment & Action Plan guided by a Project Advisory Committee (“PAC”) to inform and advise the project and assist the PC to engage community participation to inform and learn from the housing study and associated strategies and action plans to address Putney Community needs including response to relevant 2023 Town Plan directives;

WHEREAS the PC, assisted by the PAC and Camoin Associates, engaged community participation through focus groups, a community housing needs survey, two community meetings, two workshops and public participation at PC monthly and special meetings;

WHEREAS the resulting Camoin Associates’ Housing Needs Assessment & Action Plan and PC Housing Strategies Action Plans address relevant 2023 Town Plan directives;

WHEREAS at its final meeting with Camoin Associates and the PAC on 2/10/25 the PC approved Camoin Associates’ Housing Needs Assessment and Action Plan as complete and suitable to inform Town and community efforts to address the identified housing needs, and adopted the

Planning Commission's Housing Strategy Action Plan to guide Town and community collaboration to implement Camoin Associates recommended housing strategies; and agreed to recommend that the Selectboard, likewise, adopt these and support a convening of Town and community leaders facilitated by the Vermont Council on Rural Development ("VCRD") to strengthen trust and relationships to work together to implement the housing strategies;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Selectboard:

1. Adopts Camoin Associates' Putney Housing Needs Assessment & Action Plan as complete and suitable to inform Town and community efforts to address the identified housing needs;
2. Adopts the Planning Commission's Housing Strategy Action Plan to guide Town and community collaboration in addressing Camoin Associates' recommended housing strategies and directs the Planning Commission to assist Action Plan implementation as requested by the Town Manager and/or Selectboard.
3. Supports the Town to host a VCRD-facilitated convening of Town and community leaders to strengthen trust and relationships to work together to implement the PC Housing Strategy Action Plan, and to recommend to the Selectboard ways in which these entities can work together and coordinate efforts to implement the housing strategies.
4. Appreciates and thanks community members who assisted the Planning Commission's Housing Study including PAC members and others who advised and informed development of the Housing Needs Assessment and Action Plans to provide community-supported recommendations to meet Putney's housing needs.

Approved this 19th day of February 2025 by:

Yes/No



Aileen Chute, Selectboard Chair



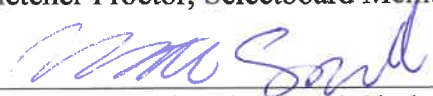
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