

AGAWAM HOUSING COMMITTEE
Town of Agawam
36 Main St., Agawam, MA 01001

(Approved) – Minutes – June 27, 2023

Members present: Chair Rosemary Sandlin, Milly Potter, Paul Jenney, Michael DiLullo, Vincenzo Ronghi, Julie Warzecka, Corrine Wingard.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

1. Roll call

2. Approval of minutes of May 23, 2023.

Motion by Member Jenney to table until next meeting. Seconded by Member Ronghi, all in favor.

3. Review of Pioneer Valley Planning Commission of MGL Chapter 40- R, and Chapter 40-Y and next steps.

Chair Sandlin said she viewed it. She said school enrollment is down considerably and budget is the same. Member Ronghi asked what is the difference between 40-Y and accessory dwellings. Chair Sandlin said not much of a difference. Member Wingard said housing has gone beyond crisis to state of emergency, and agreed with Chair Sandlin that our Council may need more education and it is our responsibility to recommend housing needs to them. Chair Sandlin said we don't do enough informational workshops for the general public. Member Jenney made a motion to get someone to come out from Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and do a presentation, second by Member Wingard, all in favor.

4. Identifying land for potential future development.

Chair Sandlin talked about available land in Agawam and potential to be 40-B, she will work with Council to set up a workshop for possibly December. She said police station has 5 acres and could be possible housing option and that Tuckahoe is the biggest piece of town owned land.

5. Update on Rosewood Way.

Chair Sandlin said Rosewood got 70% priority for Agawam placement. Member Wingard suggests we meet with Michelle McAdaragh at Mill Street for our next update.

6. Update on Housing production plan.

Member Wingard said the survey is open until the end of the month and there are 75 responses so far. She suggests we get more involvement to get the public to take part in the survey, to get it on social media. Each of us can share on our own social media for more exposure.

Chair Sandlin set next Housing Committee Meeting for September 4, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

Motion to adjourn at 7:35 PM by Member Jenney, second by Member Wingard, all in favor.