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**Current Town Plan Goals / Actions: Check-in Prior to Plan Revisions**

1. What date was your Committee created, if since 2018? Was it created as an Action by a different Committee?
	1. August 17, 2020
	2. The Planning Commission created it in response to the 2018 Town Plan goals.
2. Which Actions from the Implementation Plan have you completed?
	1. *H 1.3: Create a town housing committee that can identify needs and partner with organizations to help secure funding and identify opportunities for construction or adaptation of housing stock, as well as aid in the creation of affordable housing policies that are welcomed by both developers and residents*
		1. As stated above, the committee was formed on 8.17.2020. The committee has had several conversations with local housing organizations, community members, neighboring housing committees and developers to identify potential strategies for increasing affordable housing in Richmond. A housing needs assessment was completed in April 2022. In Sept. 2023 a presentation was given to the PC on potential affordable housing sites in Richmond.
	2. *H 1,1 When updating zoning regulations, identify opportunities for development of a variety of housing types, for example, allowing mixed residential and commercial use, higher unit density, or unique accessory housing in certain identified districts*
		1. This Richmond Housing Committee supported the adoption of new Village Residential/Commercial and Gateway Residential/Commercial regulations and higher densities in VRNs as per Act 47 and Act 181. These were enacted by the Planning Commission.
3. Is your Committee still functioning? Is membership adequate?
	1. Yes, it is still functioning. We would like 1-2 additional members, as this has been something we have struggled with in the past. We continue to look for passionate housing advocates, housing experts and local community members that would like to be part of the discussion as it relates to housing.
4. Which Actions are you currently working on?
	1. In 2024/25 we are working on a Strategic Housing Plan to outline strategies to encourage subsidized and workforce housing development in Richmond. This effort will contribute to the following Town Plan action items: H1.3, H1.4, FLU 1.2 and ED 5.2
5. Which Actions do you feel are the most important or relevant?
	1. Continue the work contained in H1.3, H1.1, FLU 1.1, ED 5.2
		1. FLU 1.1. Thinking of water/sewer specifically, FLU 1.1 is necessary as it creates the opportunity for future workforce/subsidized housing, as there are currently high barriers to expansion.
		2. H1,1: Feedback from community partners and research completed as part of the 2022 Housing Study indicate that Richmond could benefit from clearer zoning by-laws and a more streamlined permitting process. Additionally, more work is needed to at least be in accordance with Act 47 and Act 181.
		3. H 1.3: The housing committee has now been established; however, continued support of the committee is necessary to continue the remaining work stated in the action. Such as securing funding, identifying opportunities for construction or adaptation of housing stock, and aiding in the creation of affordable housing policies.
		4. ED 5.2: Continue to support the efforts to increase the supply of affordable housing in Richmond.
6. Which Actions are you finding the most difficulty with?
7. Are their Actions which you feel should belong to a different Committee?
	1. Yes:
		1. H1,5
		2. H1,5
		3. H1,7
		4. H1,8
		5. H1,9
8. Are there Actions that will require outside assistance, collaboration, Selectboard action or other external work to complete?
	1. Yes.
		1. H1,1: The Planning Commission is necessary to lead this work
		2. H1,2: ?
		3. H1,3: The Planning Commission, outside housing organizations, CCRPC.
		4. H1,4: The Planning Commission is needed to support this work.
9. Are there Actions that are no longer relevant?
10. Are you working on any new Actions that were not identified in this Plan? Should there be new items in the new Plan?
	1. Yes, additional actions are necessary. The Housing Committee is currently developing a Strategic Housing plan outlining
11. Do you have any additional comments about your work that you would like to share with the Planning Commission that would usefully inform work on the newly updated Plan?