

## **HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE CHARGE – TOWN OF EXETER**

There is hereby established by the Board of Selectmen a eight (8) member Housing Advisory Committee.

Members of this advisory board shall consist of the following members:

- 1 member of the Planning Board
- 1 member of the Economic Development Commission
- 1 member of the Rockingham Planning Commission
- 1 local realtor or developer
- 1 local real estate financial professional
- 2 citizens at large

A member of the Board of Selectmen shall serve on the committee ex-officio as the Selectmen's Representative.

Other members shall serve three-year staggered terms. Initial appointments shall be made for 1, 2 and 3 year terms and thereafter be 3 year terms.

The Housing Advisory Committee shall provide advice to the Board of Selectmen regarding, but not limited to, the available housing and potential future housing needs for the Town of Exeter. Their duties shall analyze the following:

- Availability of housing;
- Cost of housing;
- New housing starts including type and number of units;
- Changing community demographics reflected in various types of housing being promoted in the community by private developers;
- Need for long term housing sustainability including variety of types of housing available (purchase, rent, new housing starts, etc.)

This advisory committee shall also review a number of issues including, but not limited to:

- Numbers and types of housing units;
- Median costs of various types of housing;
- Review of housing relief programs (Section 8, Property Tax Exemptions, etc.);
- Development of long term strategies regarding housing;
- Contribute to the update of the Master Plan housing chapter;
- Address relevant Town boards on housing issues in the community;
- Review regional housing patterns in comparison to Exeter;
- Publish an annual report on the state of housing in Exeter to be included in the Town Report;
- Seeking ways to advocate for current residents to invest in their own properties through available programs (such as alternative energy exemption).

**Mission Statement:**

The mission of this advisory committee is to identify, analyze, and develop recommendations regarding our current housing availability and our future housing needs to aid in our economic development needs and to maintain a viable, developmentally balanced community.

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