



HANSON, MA Housing Production Plan

Join Your Neighbors for a *Public Discussion*

When: Monday, October 15

Where: Hanson Town Hall, 542 Liberty Street – Selectmen’s Meeting Room

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM – Open House – *Drop in for as little or as long as you can!*

Why?: Read on!

What’s Going On?

The Town of Hanson is exploring options for expanding local housing opportunities. How can we make sure there are the types of housing in town that people need at a price they can afford? **The Town will be developing a Housing Production Plan (HPP) to answer this question and expand opportunities for state funding.**

Why Does It Matter To Me?

While the Town has an idea of the housing needs and wants of Hanson residents (and people who might want to live in Hanson), it needs to hear from you and your neighbors about your specific hopes for the future.

- What types of housing would you like to see in Hanson, and where?
- Do you have family members or friends who have had difficulty finding housing in Hanson that is affordable and meets their needs?
- How can we make sure that seniors and young adults have the housing they need to be able to stay in town?
- How can the Town make sure housing alternatives are located in areas close to shops, services, transportation, and adequate utilities?
- These are just some of the questions the Town would like to explore with you.

What Exactly is the Town Doing?

The HPP is a local action plan to help the town increase its supply of affordable housing. All communities in Massachusetts have a goal of 10% of their housing stock being affordable (per state statute Chapter 40B). When communities reach this 10% goal, they not only provide a benefit for their residents, but are also granted more local control over future affordable housing development. The HPP is a chance for Hanson to develop a plan for reaching its 10% goal in a way that makes sense for the rural context of the town. It also is a tool for Hanson to be more proactive about its future, rather than being reactive to development proposals.

Who is leading the charge?

This project is being led by an **advisory committee** made up of Town staff, local residents, and the regional housing authority. The Town has hired **Barrett Planning Group**, a consulting team based in Duxbury, to assist with research, community outreach, and the drafting of the HPP.

What can I expect at the Open House?

The meeting will be strictly open house. Please drop in for five minutes or stay for an hour! Based on research and feedback from Town residents and stakeholders to date, the consultant team has put together recommendations for strategies that Hanson can consider for improving its existing housing stock and increasing affordable homes. The Open House will include boards with these ideas, and an opportunity for you to “vote” on the ideas that you think would work in Hanson, or to provide new ideas of your own.

Did we get it right? Please come and let us know which strategies make sense to you and which don't.



Where do I get more information?

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Or visit the State's information page on Chapter 40B at:

<https://www.mass.gov/chapter-40-b-planning-and-information>

