

CHARTER

Housing Advisory Committee

On November 6, 2024, the Bethany Board of Selectmen approved the formation of the Housing Advisory Committee. The charter for the committee is as follows:

Purpose:

The purpose of the Housing Advisory Committee (HAC) is to provide input to the Planning & Zoning Commission on ways to implement the Affordable Housing Plan (AHP) that was incorporated into the town's Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). The HAC will continue to study the housing issue and to provide information, suggestions and recommendations to the Planning & Zoning Commission, Board of Selectmen and other boards and commissions as appropriate with regard to the development of sustainable housing options which are appropriate for Bethany.

Role

The role of the HAC is to focus, through learning and discussion, on the issues of housing for the betterment of all residents of Bethany, both present and future. The Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Selectmen in an advisory capacity to the Planning & Zoning Commission in this matter in order to encourage the development of sustainable housing plan which is appropriate for the town of Bethany.

Responsibilities

- *Work with the Town's consultant and other available resources to learn about the issues related to housing in Connecticut, but specifically in Bethany*
- *Discuss and achieve a majority consensus of ways to create a range of housing options in Bethany consistent with the limitations of development in Bethany.*
- *Provide periodic updates, with the consultant, to the Commission and the Board of Selectmen on these issues*
- *Consider any further revisions or additions to the adopted Affordable Housing Plan that may be acceptable and recommend their adoption to the Commission.*
- *Suggest specific opportunities or programs, including grants, which may be of assistance in helping the town of Bethany move the Affordable Housing Plan goals forward*