



Town of Hartland

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MINUTES MEETING OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION MONDAY, JULY 27, 2026 (ZOOM)

Attending: Kim Burkhart, Ellen Smith, Magi Winslow, Greg Sottile

The meeting was called to order at 7:44PM by Commission Chair Greg Sottile.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. **Motion:** Ellen Smith/Greg Sottile – Unanimous to accept the minutes.

The Commission discussed additional information gathered regarding a potential application for Community Development Block Grant/Small Cities or Community Investment Act funding. Such an application was a recommendation from the Town's Affordable Housing Plan (2023-2028). The Commission's review found that this funding typically comes in two forms – large grants (recently around \$2,000,000) to a limited number of municipalities with public housing initiatives, and small grants (approximately \$1,500) earmarked to support specifically identified households in need. The Commission decided to pause its efforts for now regarding this grant due to the poor fit with the large grant opportunity and the low "value for the effort" of the small grant.

The Commission discussed ideas where young people in Hartland can engage with and provide some support (e.g., chores around the home) to seniors in Town. The Commission concluded that coordination of such as a program should be handled by a private entity rather than by the Town. Magi Winslow offered to reach out to the Hartland Lion's Club to further explore this idea.

The Commission discussed the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management's recently released Housing Growth Plan Guidelines (July 1, 2026, Version 1.0). This document summarizes the State's most recent guidance regarding a mandated Housing Growth Plan (HGP). The document is 28 pages in length and likely has value to the Housing Commission and other stakeholders including the Town's Planning & Zoning Commission and its Board of Selectmen. The Commission decided to prepare a brief summary of the latest guidelines and to share that (and the full document) with those stakeholders.

Motion: Magi Winslow/Ellen Smith – Unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:13PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregory M. Sottile
Commission Chair

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