



Town of Hartland

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MINUTES MEETING OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026 (ZOOM)

Attending: Jordan Branem, Kim Burkhart, Greg Sottile

The meeting was called to order at 7:32PM by Commission Chair Greg Sottile.

The minutes of the previous meeting of October 27, 2025, were reviewed. **Motion:** Kim Burkhart/Greg Sottile (Jordan Branem abstained) – Unanimous to accept the minutes.

The 2026 regular meeting dates from the December 17, 2025 special meeting, subsequently re-shared with the Town Clerk due to a typographical error, were reviewed. **Motion:** Kim Burkhart/Jordan Branem – Unanimous to accept the meeting minutes and the amended (and corrected) 2026 regular meeting dates.

The Commission reviewed its recently posted website resource entitled “Energy Assistance Available for Hartland Residents Through New Opportunities, Inc.” and decided to revise the resource so that the document title’s design is consistent with another resource posted to the website in March 2025. **Motion:** Kim Burkhart/Jordan Branem – Unanimous to update the “Energy Assistance...” resource as noted above and to have Greg Sottile post the revision to the Town’s website.

The Commission reviewed a summary of Town’s planning and zoning regulations related to accessory apartments. Goal 2 of the Town’s *Affordable Housing Plan 2023-2028* is to “Increase awareness about the Housing Opportunity accessory apartments can create.” Greg Sottile will aggregate the Commission’s data and feedback on this topic and prepare a draft summary resource for review at the Commission’s next meeting.

Goal 3 of the Town’s *Affordable Housing Plan 2023-2028* is to “Keep residents living safely and affordably in their homes.” A strategy in the plan related to this goal is to “Apply for Community Development Block Grant\Small Cities or Community Investment Act funding to create a Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program to assist income eligible homeowners.” The Commission decided to learn more about these potential funding sources by conducting some exploratory research which it will review at a future meeting.

Motion: Kim Burkhart/Jordan Branem – Unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 8:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Gregory M. Sottile
Commission Chair

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