

**Age Friendly Advisory Committee Meeting
Housing Sub-Committee
March 14, 2023
Meeting Minutes**

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DATE: April 28, 2023
TIME: 9:35 AM

Meeting called to order at 12:10 p.m.

Present: Judy Morrison, Susan Polit, Dana Bickleman, Kristin Daley, Jackie Dobson, Betsy Lipson, Lynn Goldsmith and Ellen Sullivan

1. The Council On Aging new social worker Lynn Goldsmith was introduced to the group. It was discussed what Lynn does for the COA and how she may be able to help the committee with their goals
2. Discussed the home modification brochures from the AARP and the one created by this committee. Ellen Sullivan will sponsor the production of the AFAC brochures. For those who didn't know Ellen is also the Vice Chair of the Council on Aging Board
3. Discussed the April 7th event to introduce/announce the brochure to the public. Presentations will be done by AARP and a member of this committee. There will also be tables providing information on topics such as home modification, de-cluttering and Lynn Goldsmith will also have a table. Assistant Director of the Beech Street Center Pierce Ellinwood has created flyers about the event and several members have volunteered to distribute the flyers. Judy will send out an e-mail with a sign up so members can choose how they will help publicize the event.
4. Discussed the collection of information on other towns and their ADU regulations by members of the committee. It was decided that putting all the information for the different towns on one chart will make it easy to compare. It was also mentioned that further research is needed on some of these towns. Once all data is collected Betsy offered to put it together in a Power Point presentation.
5. Discussed finding allies/advocates for ADUs from the town. Looking at places such as housing trust, league of women voters etc. It was mentioned to possibly attend their meetings, however decided it was best to have these advocates attend our meetings. Also discussed that the better strategy for our ADU plan is to start with groups in town that could be allies for the cause and then start communication with the planning committee and zoning board. Getting town meeting members on board was also helpful considering the process that has to happen to get items on warrants for town meetings
6. Members gave details on the information they gathered about ADUs from the towns they were assigned. Acton, Lexington, Newton and Arlington has guidelines that allow for ADUs, however not all towns have them yet. Acton was given as an example of a

town that allowed ADUs but did not have any yet. Watertown and Melrose did not allow for ADUs.

7. Judy discussed looking at towns with and without ADUs to see what their barriers are/were since we will probably have similar barriers. It was decided that Arlington seemed to be the best comparable town to see their barriers and how they overcame them. Ellen gave details on Arlington's process on getting ADUs approved. Susan also mentioned that when we compare towns we must also look at the commercial tax revenue and the socio economic status of the residents.
8. Judy will resend the template so Susan and Jackie can add their towns' information.
9. The committee will look t mid April as a timeline to find like minded people in the community to support our cause for ADUs and attend our meetings. It was also mentioned to look at AARP as a resource of information on towns with ADUS.
10. Meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.