

Peterborough Task Force on Housing 11/21/19

Flip Chart Notes

Values and Common Ground - Exploring what we believe about housing

Conservation: Protection from developers

Our values are not that different from each other

Common experiences of where we choose to live at various stages of our lives (city, rural, suburbs)

Free ranging kids! Lots of safe, open space - other mothers looking out for all neighborhood kids

World is changing. Common interfamily bonds are not as frequent these days

Volunteering is common and expected

Sense of community and connectedness is what we want to preserve

[Dennis]

What does [selling] down do? X-con to MIT professor

Backgrounds different but we are the same

Physical beauty

Definition are different

Connectedness - family, friends, community, other mothers

Expected to participate to build the community - responsible for the success of the town

Preserve can make stagnant

Identifying Key issues for Consideration (AARP booklet)

How do these relate to Peterborough?

Where do single families or those living alone fit in?

More NH and Peterborough data is needed

There aren't many places for single people to live in Peterborough

Shared, non-traditional housing situations are necessary in order for some to live here

40% of kids in school district are on free or reduced-price lunch

People with kids have less money than single people or couples

Market conditions are not accommodating real needs of most; mismatch between needs and supply people

How to create the right conditions and incentives for construction of affordable housing

Welcome committee found that 16% ages 18-25 single 16% ages 18 -35 with kids

Large family homes

Not many single's homes

Children in poverty

- Trends
- Free or reduced lunch

Data didn't surprise me

Disconnect between wealth and family needing assistance

We can do better

Creating Ownership

Love this town
Family live her and work here
Healthy business town
Agree that this is a wonderful town
Lack of housing
Want diversity
Commitment
Willingness to expand views
Hesitation about process
Openness to process
What would 200 people create

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## Connecting to our ownership

So many we don't know

- Our story is not the only story
- Community is made up of many stories

Wages can't support families

- Housing

How do we include those we don't know into "this" work and our community  
Library event on homelessness and hope  
We don't know

- E.g. homeless woman
- Failed

Help

- How do we accept it
- Think **systematically?** rather than personally

Maybe we can't fix it  
Fabulous community to

- Allows us to collaborate, positive collaboration

Volunteer  
Proud we are of the arts!

- But artists can't live in the community

Building community for the future  
How do we not exclude others

- Great for some of

Some