

Mission Statement Affordable Housing Working Group

The primary mission of the Affordable Housing Working Group is to develop recommendations to be considered at the 2024 Town Meeting for what the Town and the larger Harpswell community can do to explore the housing needs of residents and ways to meet those needs. These recommendations should be coordinated with the work of the Comprehensive Plan Task Force. To this end, the working group will oversee the work of a consultant with experience in housing issues and programs to:

- Undertake a thorough analysis of the housing needs of various components of the Town's population with a focus on lower and moderate income households
- Explore the approaches and strategies used by similar communities to facilitate the provision of affordable/workforce housing
- Identify the potential sources of funding to assist the community in addressing the community's housing needs
- Assist the working group in preparing a recommended Community Housing Policy setting out Harpswell's objectives with respect to affordable and workforce housing in coordination with the Comp Plan Task Force taking into account other objectives of the Town
- Develop recommended actions as part of a comprehensive strategy to address the housing needs of the community with a focus on affordable and workforce housing

The Working Group will submit a report to the Select Board documenting the group's process and findings and setting out its recommendations by September 1, 2023.

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