

## Chebeague Housing Agenda and minutes June 17, 2025

### **Agenda**

1. Discussion of the vision statement
2. Update on survey with the Island Institute
3. Ideas for a community survey
4. Meeting with an advisor on June 26 meeting to discuss planning, zoning, land use options

### **Discussion of the vision statement**

Vision statement was approved with one change ( edit of the word model)

### Final Draft of Mission & Vision

The mission of the Chebeague Housing Task Force is to develop solutions that reflect the shared values and capabilities of our island community, offering a model that strengthens Chebeague Island's year-round community.

The Chebeague Housing Task Force will develop a collaborative model that is environmentally sustainable and economically viable, informed by housing programs and practices on Maine Islands and comparable communities. This model will identify multiple pathways to home ownership and rentals that welcomes a diversity of residents.

### **Update on survey with the Island Institute**

Megan, Diane and Eliza will continue to work on the survey for housing efforts on Maine islands. When meeting with Nick Battista and Erin, Megan, Diane and Eliza will potentially attend That meeting is TBA awaiting response from Nick

### **Ideas for a community survey**

The timeline for the Ad Hoc committee was discussed, and needs to be reassessed

It is important to have a plan for community engagement during the summer months

Plan:

Develop a survey for community interest and support for housing (similar to one 3 years ago)  
Eliza will work on this draft

Results of the survey will be a basis for a community forum in August at the Island Hall (before the summer exodus in mid-August)

### **Meeting with an advisor on June 26 meeting to discuss planning, zoning, land use options**

Questions for Tom Johnson, GPCOG Director of Economic Development  
To be provided in advance

#### Timeline

1. How long does this process take?
2. What steps need to be considered to get this process started?

#### Potential models

3. What are the successful entities out there?
4. What are good models to consider?
5. Housing trust versus zoning changes versus a municipal housing entity?

#### Funding sources

6. How do you get housing built: what are the funding sources?
7. Fundraise vs public funding
8. Is it realistic to not use govt money?
9. Can we create a financing tool, to offer below market financing?

#### Land, Land Land

10. What is your advice for the use of private, land trust or municipal land?
11. Are there any models with land trusts?
12. Are there examples of donated land combining preservation and housing solutions?
13. How does a housing model collect taxes on town land
14. How to protect private property which could potentially be donated from future sales to keep a covenant or maintain the wishes of the landowner

Steve shared this link about census results

[https://data.census.gov/profile/Chebeague\\_Island\\_town,\\_Cumberland\\_County,\\_Maine?g=060XX00US2300512300](https://data.census.gov/profile/Chebeague_Island_town,_Cumberland_County,_Maine?g=060XX00US2300512300)

Steve will speak with Tom Federle about our questions for the June 26 meeting

The meeting was concluded.