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MEMORANDUM

TO: JAMIE HELLEN, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: BRYAN W. TABERNER, AICP, DIRECTOR
RE: 2021 HOUSING PRODUCTION PLAN PUBLIC DRAFT
DATE: MAY 10, 2021

Attached please find the long awaited Draft Housing Production Plan. Implementing the goals and strategies outlined in this HPP will assure the Town maintains at least 10% affordable units on its SHI for the next decade, but it will also help to make progress in facilitating the development of a diverse housing supply for Franklin's low and moderate income residents. In addition, the research, documentation and strategies developed during the HPP process will be utilized in the near future during the Town of Franklin's Master Plan update process.

The HPP's implementation will require the commitment of a variety of organizations and individuals, including non-profit organizations, state agencies, resident volunteers, and Town departments, boards, commissions, and committees. Through the combined efforts of all parties the Town will implement the HPP's Goals over a five-year implementation period.

Feedback from the general public and Town officials is a critical component of this planning process. The Town will accept input on the Draft HPP, and housing issues in general, from anyone interested in providing comments during a formal Public Comment Period which begins on May 12, 2021 and ends on June 4, 2021.

The Town's residents can access the document at DPCD's web site:

www.franklinma.gov/planning-community-development

Hard copies of the public draft HPP are available at the Department of Planning and Community Development's (DPCD) office during normal business hours. Given the current pandemic individuals wishing to review the Draft HPP should contact the DPCD at 508-520-4907 or development@franklinma.gov to arrange an appointment.

Input will be received over the Town website, by email or letter. In addition, the Town will hold a Public Hearing to present the highlights of the Draft HPP, and provide time for residents to ask questions and provide input. Please send all input to:

Department of Planning and Community Development
Housing Development Plan Comments
355 East Central Street, Franklin, MA 02038-1352
planning@franklinma.gov

DPCD will develop a complete list of all comments received during the Public Comment Period. Once the public comment period is over, all input received will be considered and a Final Draft HPP will be developed. The Final Draft HPP will be presented to the Planning Board and Town Council for review, consideration and formal adoption. Once formally adopted by both elected bodies, the HPP will be submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for review and formal approval.

I look forward to discussing the HPP at the Economic Development Committee's meeting on May 12, 2021 to get the first round of comments that will be used towards refining the document into its Final version.