

THE FUTURE OF HOUSING IN BRENTWOOD

Housing is a hot topic everywhere and Brentwood is no exception. The Brentwood Planning Board is seeking input on how housing options can be integrated into Brentwood in a way that reflects the existing fabric of the community. This is a way to engage the town in a conversation about housing priorities and what strategies should be taken to accommodate those needs.

In March 2023, the Planning Board was awarded a \$40,000 grant from InvestNH Municipal Planning & Zoning Grant Program's Housing Opportunity Program Needs Assessment Grant (HOP Grant) to prepare a Needs Analysis and Plan to fund the public engagement, analysis, and documentation of answering the question "what should the future of housing be in Brentwood?" The following are components of the HOP grant:

- Conduct a **survey** to provide information on housing and seek feedback from residents, businesses, and officials on housing preference to help guide potential action. The survey will run early 2024.
- Hold a **public event** to present the background information on housing and the grant process. This is scheduled for 12/7/2023 at 7:00 PM at the Brentwood Town Offices.
- Develop a new **Master Plan Chapter** on housing that integrates these survey results, conversations with residents, and data regarding Brentwood, Rockingham County, and New Hampshire.
- Conduct a **Land Use Regulation Audit** to identify opportunities to make modifications to existing regulations or enact new regulations to promote the goals and actions found within the housing chapter.

The Brentwood Planning Board is working with Rockingham Planning Commission to assist with this effort over the coming months. The discussion on housing will be integrated into the Brentwood Master Plan update. All information will be available on the Town Website.

For more information about this project, please contact Jillian Benedix at (603) 642-6400 ext. 116 or by emailing planning@brentwoodnh.gov

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