



# PAONIA HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND HOUSING ACTION PLAN

## Housing Task Force Meeting 3

**Tuesday, August 1,  
2023**

**5:00 – 6:30 pm**

**Town Hall**

*Please review all  
attached materials  
prior to the meeting.  
There is a lot to cover  
in 90 minutes, so  
targeted feedback is  
requested.*

### **Introductions**

*In attendance: Linda McCone, Dave Knutson, Lyn Howe, Molly Wheelock, Bob Reedy, Paige Smith, Mary Difranco, Patti Kaech, Andrew Coburn, Shay Coburn.*

### **Consultant Update: What Has Been Completed and What is Ongoing or Coming Up**

*Completed: project kick off, formation of the Task Force, Task Force meeting 1, review of past plans and studies, Task Force meeting 2, Existing Public Housing Resources document, employer questionnaire, interviews, and community-wide Open House.*

*In progress: finishing up targeted outreach, draft Housing Needs Assessment to be reviewed by Task Force today and then by Town Board 8/22, and draft Housing Action Plan.*

*Coming up: final Task Force meeting 4 and optional add-ons as approved by the Board 7/25 (first draft of updated code language for up to 4 of DOLA's qualifying strategies and a strategy for development of an affordable housing project).*

### **For Discussion**

- Open House debrief, see Summary

*This document summarizes the Open House process and input received. It will be an appendix to the final report and put on the Town's project webpage in the meantime. Observations were discussed from the event and from the input received. It was noted that many of the participants spent considerable time providing thoughtful input and that the results of the voting and comments are very important to consider for the Action Plan.*

- Review Draft Housing Needs Assessment

*The draft Housing Needs Assessment was shared with the Task Force a week before this meeting for their review. The purpose of this review was to identify inaccuracies, etc., prior to going to the Town Board. This is part one of the project, with part two being the Action Plan. This Needs Assessment includes more detail on the data and issues presented at the Open House.*

*Discussion included a comment that some information was surprising to learn about (i.e., commute costs), the impact that the eventual coal mine closure will have on the community in the future, tourism, the need for higher paying jobs, the water tap moratorium as it relates to mine owned taps and housing strategies, pets in relation to ADUs and rentals, a desire to start action planning and ideas or preferences for strategies, and the importance of actually taking action based on this assessment and the forthcoming action plan.*

*Task Force comments will be accepted on the draft until the end of the day on Friday.*

- Schedule Task Force meeting #4 – *Scheduled for Thursday, August 31 5-6:30pm at Town Hall.*

#### **What the Task Force Should Do After This Meeting**

- Plan to attend the next Task Force meeting as planned during the meeting (8/31). Schedule time ahead of the meeting to review the Draft Housing Action Plan. *The draft Action Plan will be in more of a draft form than the Needs Assessment from this meeting.*
- Plan to attend the Board meeting on 8/22, where the Town Board will review the draft Housing Needs Assessment.