

October 11, 2016

TO: All

FROM: Gary Crosby, Town Planner

RE: Draft Housing Element of the Comp Plan

All –

For your review, please find a copy of Portsmouth's current Low and Moderate Income Housing Plan, adopted (with revisions) in June, 2005. As nearly all of the content for the updated draft Housing Element of the Comprehensive Plan (which we are diligently working on) will come directly from this plan, we thought it would be worthwhile for you to review the source document before we publish the draft element. Our thought is we can perhaps save some time in the review process by identifying points of concern and eliminating them before the draft is finished. We welcome your comments. As we will not likely have draft of the new element itself ready in time for informed discussion, this Plan will be the topic of conversation at the October Planning Board Workshop on the 26th.

There is one significant difference of note that will not translate into the Housing Element of the Comp Plan. Action 1 of Strategy 5 (pages 60-61), Table 22 on page 62 of the Plan, and the Proposed map at the end of the document all identify certain parcels as a proposed incentive zone for residential multi-family development. In June, 2007, the Town Council approved an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance designating the Multi-Family Incentive District discussed in that section of the Plan as "*all parcels in Town except those in Heavy (HI) and Light Industry (LI) zones and the Watershed Protection Overlay District.*"

Thanks for your patience,

The Planning Department