

Wellfleet Housing Authority and Wellfleet Local Housing Partnership Annual Report

The Wellfleet Housing Authority (**WHA**) and the Local Housing Partnership (**LHP**) work closely together to advance the housing goals identified in the Town's Housing Needs Assessment and Production Plan.

First, we would like to thank all the incredibly generous contributors who helped us raise over \$40,000 for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund from our Tax Bill mailing and Year End donations.

At the Spring 2019 Town Meeting, voters approved an Article to develop up to 6 acres of Town-owned land for affordable rental housing at 95 Lawrence Road, the site opposite the school. Much of our work this year has been focused on planning for this large project including:

- Received a grant from Mass Housing Partnership (MHP) for site evaluation & capacity study;
- Ongoing consulting services being provided by MHP at no cost to Town;
- Formed a broad-based Task Force to address questions of Town needs, design, size and density, income and capacity mix, local preference, financial feasibility, water considerations, energy efficiency, maintenance and contractor requirements and selection process;
- Planning community outreach to share information with relevant groups & the general public including an Info Session sponsored by Wellfleet Forum on January 6, 2020;
- The goal is to issue an RFP by May and award a contract to a qualified Developer by the end of the year.

In addition to the 95 Lawrence project, **WHA** and **LHP** have accomplished the following in 2019:

- Carried out our 6th Buy Down with funding from CPA and Affordable Housing Trust;
- Three Down-payment Assistance grants awarded using CPA funds;
- Worked with Housing Assistance Corp (HAC) to carry out the resale of an affordable home;
- Rental Assistance provided to eight households this past year;
- Contracted with CDP for part time Housing Specialist Services;
- Participated in wall raising and work day at Habitat for Humanity build at Durkee Lane;
- Working with Planning Board on ADU and Cottage Colony conversion bylaw changes;
- Exploring moving cottage on Rt. 6 to use for affordable housing.

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