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**Town of Kent
Housing Plan Steering Committee**

June 22, 2022

Meeting held via Zoom

ATTENDED BY: Alice Hicks, Justin Potter, Virginia Bush, John Johnson, Tegan Gawel, Connie Manes, and Jean Speck. (David Birnbaum was not able to join until the end.) Planning Consultant in attendance: Jocelyn Ayer

Approximately 23 other Kent residents attended this meeting.

MINUTES:

Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm.

Jean Speck welcomed attendees and thanked them for attending. She introduced the Housing Plan Steering Committee members and planning consultant.

J. Ayer then reviewed the **attached slides** with attendees including information about what will be included in this plan, the definition of dedicated affordable housing, and what housing needs the plan was trying to address.

J. Potter said that the committee was considering a goal of creating 20 dedicated affordable homes over the next 5 years and asked the attendees if they supported that goal. The polling results are attached.

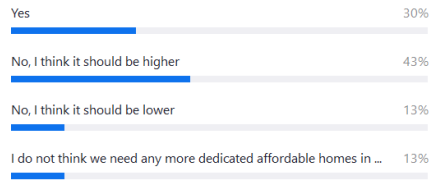
Kent's Housing Plan Steering committee members then briefly introduced each goal and the strategies that the housing plan steering committee was considering as possible actions to meet that goal. Polling was conducted via Zoom and the results are attached.

At the end of the forum there was time for questions and comments from attendees. One attendee noted that she was a recent first time homebuyer and that it was one thing to make people more aware of the programs intended to help first time homebuyers but another for them to actually be able to access those resources in a timely way when the market requires you to be able to act quickly. She also noted that the goals and strategies were not measurable or time bound. Another attendee noted that from a planning perspective encouraging housing in the village center areas which are served by public water and sewer made more sense. The committee was asked to consider the soil based zoning in the rural residential zone in town and how any proposed zoning changes might effect that.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

Unit goal

1. Do you support a goal of 20 homes in 5 years? (Single Choice) *



Your answer: No, I think it should be higher

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Polls

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dedicated AH

1. Do you support the strategy of utilizing appropriate town owned properties for this? (Single Choice) *

A horizontal bar chart with three bars representing different responses to the question '1. Do you support the strategy of utilizing appropriate town owned properties for this?'. The bars are blue and their lengths correspond to the percentage of respondents who chose each option. The percentages are listed to the right of each bar.

Response	Percentage
Yes	50%
No	9%
Not sure, need more information	41%

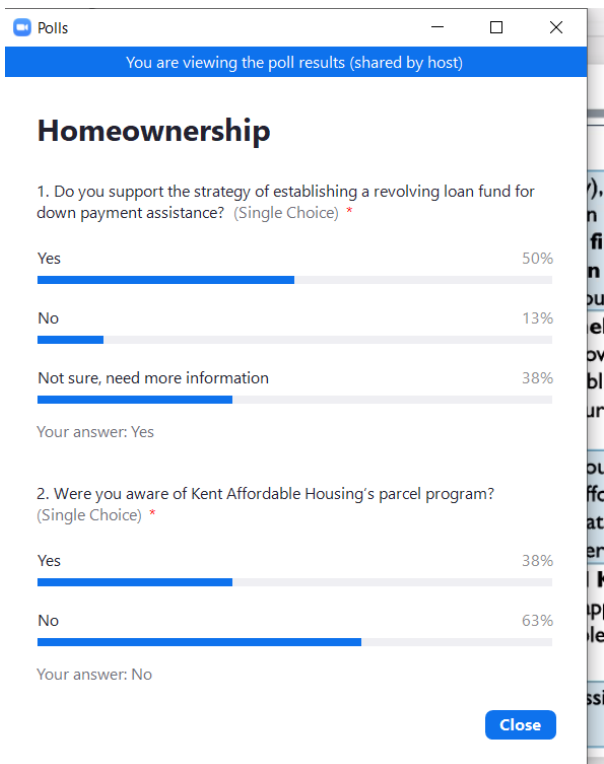
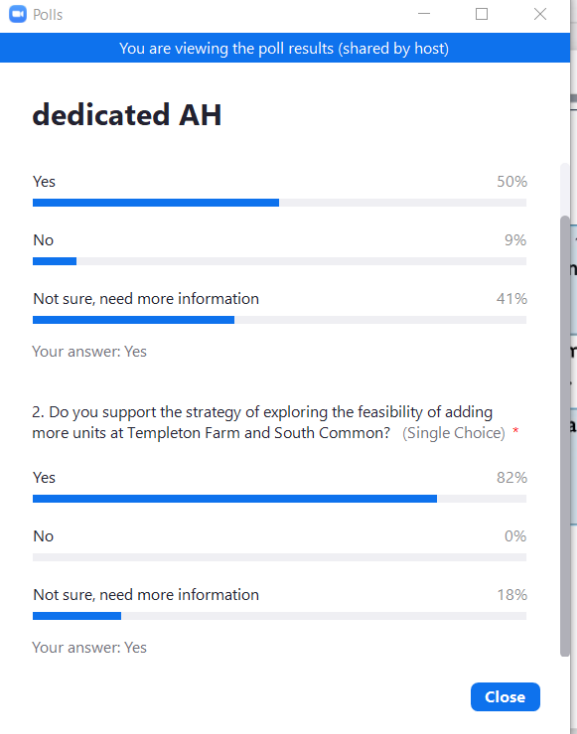
Your answer: Yes

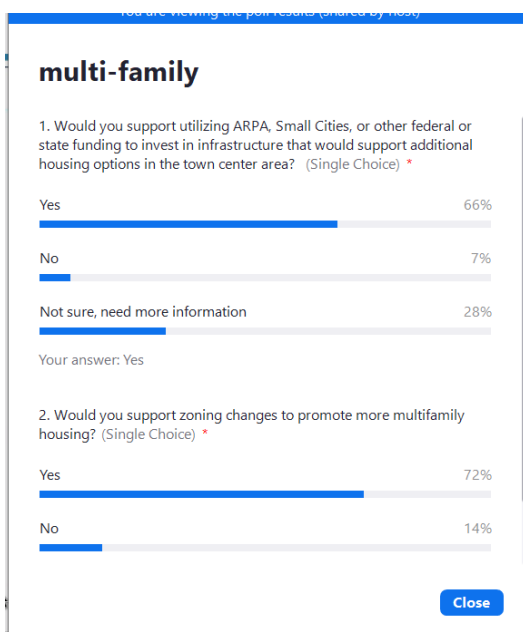
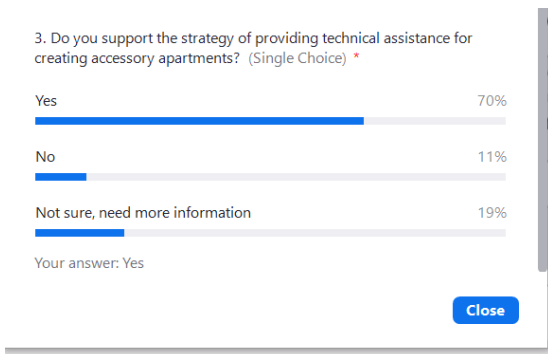
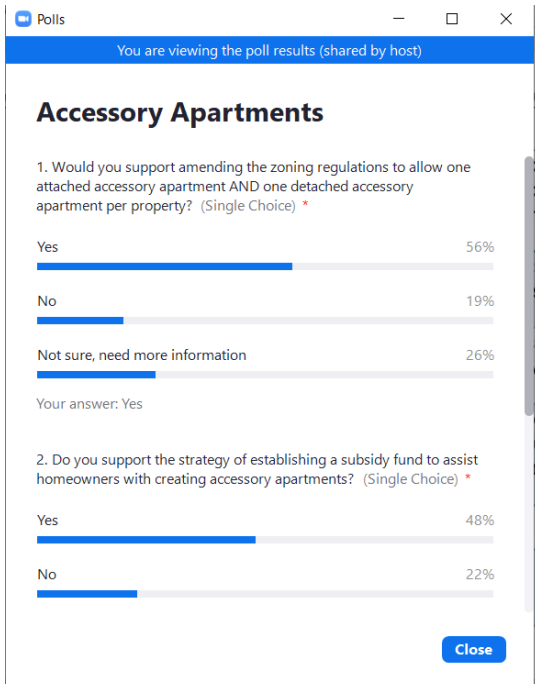
2. Do you support the strategy of exploring the feasibility of adding more units at Templeton Farm and South Common? (Single Choice) *

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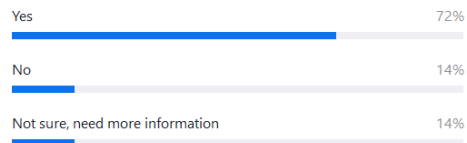
Response	Percentage
Yes	82%
No	0%
Not sure, need more information	18%

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2. Would you support zoning changes to promote more multifamily housing? (Single Choice) *



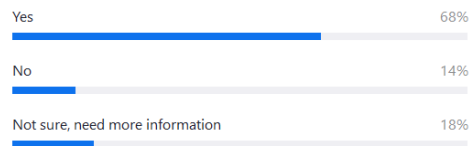
Your answer: Yes

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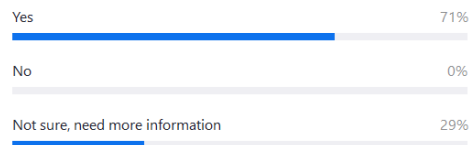
Implementation

1. Do you support the strategy of appointing or hiring a town housing coordinator? (Single Choice) *



Your answer: Yes

2. Would you support the creation of a housing fund? (Single Choice)



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