

# Richmond Housing Committee Activities and Accomplishments

Richmond, Vermont

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The following is a list of activities and accomplishments completed by the Richmond Housing Committee since its inception in 2020.

- Compiled baseline demographic information on housing in Richmond
- Engaged grant-funded consultant, Brandi Saxton to prepare a report for the Housing Committee and the Planning Commission entitled “Zoning for Affordable Housing.” This report was completed in the spring of 2022 and has informed subsequent Planning Commission work.
- Attended several meetings with representatives from the affordable housing nonprofit organization *Champlain Housing Trust* to better understand the needs of such organizations.
- Provided public outreach support for the Planning Commission’s efforts to enable multifamily housing in the Residential/Commercial districts (recently adopted by the Selectboard). Activities included tabling at the Richmond Farmers’ Market, and posts to the Front Porch Forum. Overcoming public resistance was identified in the Saxton report as a barrier to increased housing opportunities.
- Solicited testimony at our public hearings in support of multifamily housing from Richmond residents working in the affordable housing field.
- Supported efforts of previous town planner Ravi Venkataraman to develop an affordable housing component for the Creamery project by applying for “Neighborhood Development” status with the developer. This effort was ultimately unsuccessful.
- Studied strategies for cluster housing through a report prepared by a planning intern from UVM.
- Updated the demographic information on housing through a report prepared by a planning intern from UVM.
- Prepared a report for the Selectboard outlining findings from our work to identify potential affordable housing sites in Richmond village.

