

# Northampton Youth Commission

## Housing Working Group

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### Meeting Notice

Online Video Conference (Zoom)

Meeting Date: January 19, 2023

Meeting Time: 6 PM

**The Northampton Youth Commission Housing Working Group leads the Commission's advocacy efforts to pass housing policy in the City of Northampton.**

Instructions for joining the virtual meeting:

Topic: Northampton Youth Commission

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://bit.ly/noho-youth-commission>

*Procedural note: Due to time constraints, discussion items may be postponed to future meetings.*

Items for discussion:

1. Welcome + introductions
2. Overview from Elijah of working group's progress last year
  - a. Correspondence with City Councilors Jarrett, Maiore, Foster on draft zoning ordinances
  - b. Group's work on slide presentation to present to local stakeholders about draft ordinances
  - c. Group meetings with Ben Weil, Carolyn Misch
  - d. How draft ordinance evolved throughout the year, how we ultimately decided on draft ordinances concerning both URB and URC
3. Next steps for this year
  - a. Discussion of local groups we could meet and correspond with about housing and zoning
    - i. Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
    - ii. Department of Planning and Sustainability
    - iii. Housing Partnership
    - iv. Housing Authority
    - v. Northampton Climate Emergency Coalition

vi. Energy & Sustainability Commission

- b. Discussion of how to improve presentation Elijah gave to Youth Commission at full-group meeting for a general audience, possibly create an abridged or simplified version of it
- c. Discussion of how to shape Youth Commission's rhetorical strategy around the issue of zoning and density — how do we convince community that increasing density and having more neighbors is a good thing?
- d. Discuss which City Councilors group should reach out to first about draft ordinances, other next steps in the way of correspondence