

# **AFFORDABLE HOUSING COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE**

*7 Members / 3 Year Terms*

The South Kingstown Affordable Housing Collaborative shall consist of a seven (7) person citizen's advisory Committee comprised of representatives of the community who have an interest in affordable housing in the Town. A member of the South Kingstown Planning Board shall serve as an 'ex-officio' member of the Collaborative. Members of this advisory Committee will be appointed by the Town Council and serve staggered terms: three members shall serve two (2) year terms, and four members shall serve three (3) year terms. General administrative and staff support for the Collaborative will be provided by the South Kingstown Planning Department.

The South Kingstown Affordable Housing Collaborative (Collaborative) is an advisory committee to the Town Council and Planning Board. The general purpose of the committee is to assist the Town Council in overseeing the implementation of affordable housing measures identified in the South Kingstown Affordable Housing Study, particularly those elements identified as priority implementation components in the Town Council's October 14, 2003 resolution accepting the study. The Collaborative may also offer advice to the Town Council relative to the establishment of a Housing Trust Fund.

As an advisory committee the Collaborative is intended to provide assistance to the Town Council and Planning Board and provide input to the Town administration regarding issues and programs relating to the provision and or retention of affordable housing within South Kingstown. In addition, the Collaborative is intended to act as a local resource for the community relative to affordable housing issues. In this respect the Affordable Housing Collaborative shall:

- Establish a work program based upon the priority items established in Town Council's October 14, 2003 resolution accepting the "Town of South Kingstown Affordable Housing Study, October 2003.
- Meet on a monthly basis and report on an annual basis to the Town Council regarding the status of implementation of affordable housing initiatives within South Kingstown.
- Assist the Planning Department by reviewing data and information collected and/or assembled by Town staff relative to affordable housing statistics, programs, grants and subsidies.
- Conduct an annual educational meeting regarding affordable housing issues in the community.
- Work with local non-profits to strengthen their capacity for housing development to increase their ability to access competitive funding sources (State and Federal).
- Act as an advocate and catalyst for affordable housing development within the Town.
- Provide advisory review and assistance to the Town Council, Planning Board and Planning staff relative to the development of an 'Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance and other potential modifications to the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision and Land Development Regulations aimed at improving the climate for the production and maintenance of affordable housing within the Town.
- Provide advisory review and assistance to the Town Council, Planning Board and Planning Department on Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulation amendments that would encourage the rehabilitation of older and substandard housing for affordable occupancy.
- Assist the Town Council and Town Administration (Town Solicitor, Finance Department and Planning Department) in determining if there is a future need for an 'Affordable Housing Trust' for South Kingstown and identification of the organizational and regulatory requirements for such an entity.
- Review the provisions of RIGL 45-53, 'Low and Moderate Income Housing Act' and advise the Town Council relative to potential amendments to the Act. Such review shall focus upon, but not be limited to, potential changes in the Act's definition of affordable housing to encompass a wider range of housing types; an increase in the percentage of affordable housing units per development required to qualify for comprehensive permit status; and protections to ensure that municipalities are not overwhelmed comprehensive permit applications in a short amount of time."