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Can we get the formation of the Housing Task Force group onto the agenda for 11/29 so we can compose that group and launch it? Here's my pitch:

12 month life - final report due Jan 2024, portions or select efforts may get recommended for extension
As a starter set of members, I suggest the following

- Matt Peters from Freeport Housing Trust
- Linda Berger from Project Review board
- Mari Miya from the SREC committee
- Drew Wing from Zachau Constr.
- Vanessa Farr - local consultant, works often w/Principal group, knows the downtown plan well, lives on Beechhill Rd, used to be the Yarmouth town planner.
- And a Councilor liaison.

These would be open meetings and residents are encouraged to attend.

Starter Task list would be:

- Recommend to Council by March 31, 2023: TOP 3 zoning/ordinance changes to immediately incent more unit production in the right areas.
- Recommend 1-2 specific ACTIVE steps the Council can take to spark a development project with affordable rental units - this could be a site, land trade, or other creative idea.
- Create narrative material to change the perception and paint Freeport as a friendlier town in which to develop mixed use housing projects in and around downtown
- As other towns are doing, create a promotion program to encourage home owners to consider ADU additions (Auburn is paying residents \$10K a unit to add an ADU!) We could start with education and awareness, perhaps some model drawings and process map through permitting - take the mystery out of it.
- Amplify and bring some attention to some of the data that FHT already has on the discouraging numbers of affordability in Freeport. This would be community education.

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