

# Planning & Sustainability - City of Northampton

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## Housing Partnership 5:30 PM, Monday January 5, 2026

### Members

Bev Bates, Chair	X	Gordon Shaw		
Hannah Shaffer, Vice-Chair	X	Ben Wood		
Richard Abuza	X	Gwen Nabad	X	
Hannah Shaffer	X	Chris Byrson	X	Staff: Keith Benoit X

1. Notice that this meeting is being recorded
2. Roll Call was taken and quorum was obtained. Introductions were given for the benefit for the new member, Chris Bryson. No public comments were made.
3. Approval of Dec. 1st minutes with a roll call vote. Motioned by Richard Abuza and seconded by Gwen Nabad, with Hannah Shaffer abstaining.
4. Hannah Shaffer was nominated for Vice Chair by Gwen Nabad and seconded by Richard Abuza. Roll call was taken.
5. Hannah Shaffer discussed the housing resource list that was being worked on. Is there money for printing it?
6. Where is the broker fee reform that was with the state? Gwen Nabad said no updates at the moment. There were some questions about how the brokers / landlords have responded. It was not a popular bill with them. Richard Abuza said that this is a move in the right direction and the state will figure it out.
7. Richard Abuza gave a brief overview of the history of the housing partnership and some of the projects that it has historically done, such as advocating for affordable housing and opposing condo conversions. The City gets its own CDBG allocation annually and there was a period where a lot of the money was going towards the Senior Center. This very short summary could be expanded upon with a write up. For the benefit of the new member Chris,



some housing plans should be forwarded so Chris can get up to speed.

8. The meeting adjourned at 6:01 motioned by Richard Abuza and seconded by Gwen Nabad.