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WORKFORCE  
**HOUSING COALITION**  
— OF THE GREATER SEACOAST —  
*Opening Doors to Vibrant Communities*

August 22, 2016

Dear Neighbor,

The Town of Kennebunkport is partnering with the Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast in an outreach and educational effort. We will explore conceptual and theoretical quality workforce housing options in Kennebunkport as part of a visioning session for the community of Kennebunkport of the future. We will host the upcoming **Workforce Housing Planning Workshop on September 27 and 29, 2016, at the Nonantum Resort.** The Coalition is a nonprofit, education and outreach initiative that hosts public forums and conducts trainings to highlight solutions to the region's housing challenges. As a member of the neighborhood, we would like to invite you to join us as an active participant who will contribute in the planning workshop.

The planning workshop will focus on two areas in Kennebunkport. The process will include the development of a broad brush design concept for these areas as a model that focuses on workforce housing.

The planning process we will be conducting is called a *charrette*, and will engage Kennebunkport community members with a team of housing professionals, to collectively explore residential design ideas in the charrette study area. The designs that result from the workshop are not blue prints, and no one (not the property owners, not the abutters or neighbors, nor the town) will be obligated to take any particular action as a result of the workshop. This planning workshop will take ideas from all who are interested, and create designs and drawings that help capture their vision, as a visual guide for any future development.

The Workforce Housing Coalition has worked to recruit a great team of architects, real estate agents, planners, bankers, business leaders, and other housing professionals who have volunteered their time, and are eager for this chance to work with you. We're contacting you now to provide you with the details of the charrette process and the proposed schedule for the two-day event, in hopes that you'll join us whenever you can.

## **Kennebunkport Workforce Housing Planning Workshop**

**Tuesday, September 27, 2016**

### **6:00 – 8:00 PM “Listening Session”**

You are invited to the Nonantum Resort to join the conversation and share your ideas, hopes, and concerns about future development at the sites. Invitees include abutters, neighborhood residents, businesses, local families, workers, students, municipal officials, legislators, and others who are interested. Site property owners and members of the design team will also attend.

**Thursday, September 29, 2016**

### **8:30 AM – 6:00 PM Charrette welcome and design process**

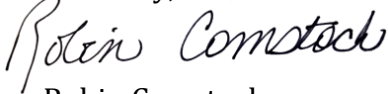
Design team members will meet at the Nonantum Resort, for a welcome and presentation of the design process overview, and then the design team will begin working. Property owners and all other stakeholders are invited to stop in at any time.

### **6:00 PM – 7:30 PM Presentation/Design Reveal**

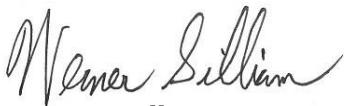
The teams will present the design concepts developed during the charrette. These drawings are intended to capture the vision that the property owners and Kennebunkport stakeholders have for the sites in order to provide guidance for future development. Design presentations will be followed by questions, comments, and responses from attending property owners and stakeholders. Within approximately 2 months of the event, a charrette booklet featuring the design concepts will be created as a final product.

We hope to see you on September 27 and 29 for this important community event. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Robin Comstock, Executive Director of the Workforce Housing Coalition at [rcomstock@seacoastwhc.org](mailto:rcomstock@seacoastwhc.org), 603-205-0539, or Werner Gilliam, CFM, Director of Planning and Development for the Town of Kennebunkport at [wgilliam@kennebunkportme.gov](mailto:wgilliam@kennebunkportme.gov), 207-967-1604. Feel free to visit our website at [www.seacoastwhc.org](http://www.seacoastwhc.org) or [www.kennebunkportme.gov](http://www.kennebunkportme.gov) for more information.

Sincerely,



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