

# Come to the Charrette



**Community  
Listening Session**  
6 PM-8 PM



**Community  
Reveal Session**  
6:00 PM-7:30 PM

**Where: Nonantum Resort**

**Host: Town of Kennebunkport**

**Facilitator: Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast**

## **What are charrettes?**

Charrettes are collaborative, intensive, planning sessions with members of the community (residents, workers, employers) and a team of volunteer housing professionals. These stakeholders present their vision and brainstorm, and ultimately accomplish their project goals. They generally last from one to three days. There is no charge, but they do solicit donations, sponsorships, and grants.

## **Who is the Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast?**

It is a nonprofit organization of housing professionals who conduct these charrettes to:

- Advocate for workforce housing.
- Educate the community of the importance of having housing for a diverse workforce, e.g., teachers, students, merchants, retail employees, etc.
- Provide a range of housing options for the workforce of the greater seacoast region.

### **What happens at these charrettes?**

Input is gathered from both the community and the Workforce Housing Coalition volunteers to develop a concept and perform a feasibility study. These professionals also review zoning and other regulations. They test their design options to make sure they work. At the end of the process, the information is provided to the community at a Reveal Session.

### **What prompted this charrette?**

Workforce housing was identified as a goal in the Comprehensive Plan. Consequently, the Growth Planning Committee endorsed a charrette application for housing through the Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast. After a Coalition representative gave a charrette presentation at the December 10, 2015, Board of Selectmen's Meeting, the Board voted to proceed with an application.

### **Who are the sponsors?**

Kennebunk Savings

TD Bank

The Nonantum Resort

York Hospital

Kennebunkport Resort Collection

York County Council of the Maine Association of REALTORS

The Chamber: Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, Arundel

Habitat for Humanity, York County

United Way of the Greater Seacoast

New Hampshire Housing

Regional Economic Development Center of Southern New Hampshire