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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] Mass Housing Partnership Presentation - Select Board agenda item  
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Hi Tim — to answer your questions :

- 1) Yes, I will be there on the 22nd.
- 2) This is an affordable/community housing technical support program. It is not a transportation grant. Many of the applicants/recipients are MBTA communities, so the concept of housing near “mobility hubs” is an integrated part of the program. However, this obviously has a very different application in rural areas.

Franklin County, which includes the very rural towns of Orange and Erving along with the more populated town of Greenfield, was a recipient of a grant award in the last round. They are clearly not MBTA communities.

The needs of the more rural towns regarding year-round housing and mobility for residents will necessarily look different than in Greenfield, but people travel between the small towns and Greenfield for all their services so it helps to look at that as part of the needs of a small town.

And all of this, of course, will look very different in Franklin County than it would in metro Boston.

I would like to hear more on this rural application specifically from MHP, but we need a presentation from them in order to get locally-specific information.

- 3) Things the town can request under the program — basically anything relating to ensuring community housing and sustainable mobility. For Chilmark, this could include:

Zoning analysis as it relates to year-round housing, including bylaw review and model bylaws (could include ADUs, family subdivisions, covenant lots, etc, with efficacy of bylaws specific to rural communities)

Implementation of zoning goals, via programs and incentives

Municipal Employee workforce housing — planning and assistance with pursuing state mechanisms to allow towns tools to create/preserve opportunities to ensure their infrastructure workers remain housed in the community

Planning/implementation for a new Comfort Station in Menemsha, which is at a transit hub (the beach/harbor bus-stop)

Visioning and Master Plan

Other implantation

- 4) Frankly, I think the increasingly severe municipal employee workforce issue in and of itself is a reason to listen to a presentation — any assistance we can get from the state moving mechanisms forward would be incredibly helpful, this is not an easy policy lift for me and partnering with MHP will help Chilmark elevate it’s goals in this area to the state. And if you

can somehow get a new comfort station out of the deal (that maybe includes a pretty awning over the bus stop so people don't get soaked waiting for the bus in the rain?) even better.

West Tisbury's request letter is below:

Etc.

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On Aug 17, 2023, at 1:04 PM, Tim Carroll  
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Laura

The Select Board had the proposal on their agenda at their last meeting August 1. It was discussed. The board members had it for a week, but didn't feel ready to vote on it at the August 1 meeting. They tabled it to August 22 at 5:00 PM. Will you be present to answer questions?

The language talks about it being a transportation grant. I have observed that the Chilmark boards and voters have rejected most transportation ideas from the state for the last 15 years. Could you please highlight the actual uses Chilmark hopes to see from this grant by Friday at 3:00 PM so I can include them in the agenda packet tomorrow at 3 PM?

Tim

**Tim Carroll**

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Hi –

In a Housing Committee meeting this morning, Laura Silber mentioned the Complete Neighborhoods presentation by the Mass Housing Partnership which is scheduled to take place on August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. She wanted to make sure the topic was on the agenda for next week's Select Board meeting since the meeting is the following week and she hopes that a Select Board member can attend. Laura mentioned that it was a on previous agenda but was not discussed.

Unfortunately there wasn't a quorum at this morning's meeting to vote on sending a memo to the Select Board to ask for the topic to be included on the agenda. Can this topic still be put on the agenda?

Please let me know.

TY!

Alison

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