



## AGENDA

**City of Portsmouth  
Housing Blue Ribbon Committee  
Site Visits to Falkland Way and 1 Junkins Avenue\***

**August 8<sup>th</sup> 2024  
5:30 p.m.**

- I. Roll Call (5 minutes)
- II. Site Walk: 134 Preble Way (15 minutes) – 5:30p.m. to 5:45p.m.
- III. Public Comment (15 minutes) – 5:45p.m. to 6:00p.m.
- IV. Site Walk: 25 Granite Street (15 minutes) – 6:15p.m. to 6:30p.m.
- V. Public Comment (15 minutes) – 6:30p.m. to 6:45p.m.

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- b. Information on 25 Granite Street.
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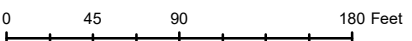
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Abutters, members of the neighborhood, and the community-at-large are welcome to be part of the walk and discussions. There is no development being considered, a land use application submitted, or any proposal made that would alter the current use of the parcel. This is part of an on-going effort by the HBRC to visit and investigate city owned parcels of land.

The HBRC will assemble in the parking area behind the concessions building and begin their walk at **6:15 p.m.**, and is scheduled to be completed by **7:00 p.m.**.

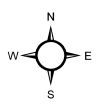
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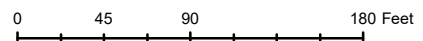
The HBRC will assemble near the Atlantic Height Pumping Station and begin their walk at **5:30 p.m.**, and is scheduled to be completed by **6:00 p.m.**.

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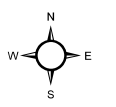




# 134 Preble Way



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## New Housing Polling

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Wed 7/31/2024 1:40 PM

To:Howard A. Snyder <hasnyder@cityofportsmouth.com>



## July 2024 Newsletter

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The Saint Anselm College Center for Ethics in Society released their annual voter attitudes on housing survey earlier this month. The 2024 poll showed continued strong support for more affordable housing options and strong support for changing regulations to make it happen.

Here are a few of the topline results:

- 75% of New Hampshire voters think that their community needs more affordable housing to be built
- 59% of New Hampshire voters want more affordable homes in their own neighborhood
- 61% of New Hampshire voters think that our towns and cities should change land use regulation to allow more housing to be built
- 63% of New Hampshire voters think that the *state* should do more to encourage municipalities to remove barriers to housing development
- 64% of New Hampshire voters think lawmakers should include public investments to build more affordable housing in the next state budget

In addition to the topline results, there was key support from demographics that are often thought to be opposed to more housing options: homeowners and older Granite Staters. 86% of Granite Staters 65+ agreed with the statement that their community needs more affordable housing and 57% of homeowners supported more affordable housing in their neighborhood.

You can [read more about the survey and compare to previous data here](#).

Best,  
Nick

Nick Taylor

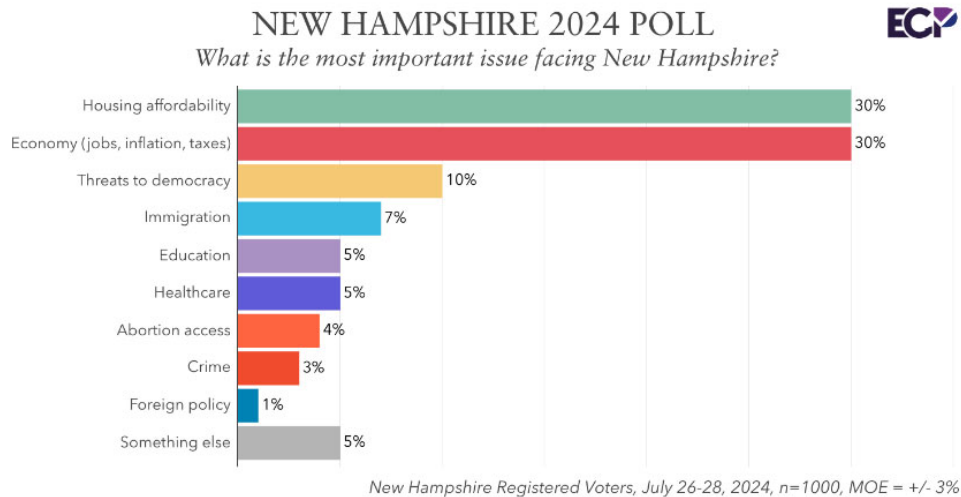
## State Legislative Updates



Earlier this month, Housing Action NH released their 2024 Legislative Roundup. [Check it out here](#) for all you need to know about the 2024 session!

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## Housing The Most Important Issue...Again



Over the last year, the University of New Hampshire Granite State poll has consistently shown that housing is viewed by voters as the top issue facing New Hampshire. Now a new [Emerson College poll](#) has found the same thing with housing affordability and the overall economy at the top of voters' minds as we head into an election season.

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## Regional Housing Coalitions in Manchester





On July 19th, the Workforce Housing Coalition of the Greater Seacoast team joined regional coalitions from the Upper Valley, Mount Washington Valley, and Manchester for a tour of several new developments in Manchester. It's always great to share ideas and learn from partners around the state!

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## In The News

[NH Business Review: Another month, another record increase in state's median home price:](#) "Again, for the fourth straight month, the median price of a single-family home in New Hampshire reached new heights in June. This time to \$538,000.

It's been a successive historic climb since March, when it reached \$495,950. Then it went to \$515,000 in April, then \$525,000 in May, then \$538,000 in June, according to the most recent data from the New Hampshire Association of Realtors.

For the combined first six months of 2024, the median price of a single-family is \$505,000. For the first six months of 2023, the median was \$460,000, almost a 10% difference."

[Portsmouth Herald: Major developments in Exeter: Here's the latest on Ioka, Gateway and other projects:](#) "The Gateway to Exeter, which will bring 224 housing units to Epping Road, is set to break ground this summer, while a project to transform the old Ioka theater into a mixed-use building with condos is nearing completion.

Darren Winham, Exeter's economic development director, recently gave the town's Select Board an update on ongoing and future development projects in town."

[New Hampshire Public Radio: Pushback on adopting new building energy codes in NH highlights climate, affordability tensions:](#) "Many of New Hampshire's multi-family affordable

housing buildings are already built to higher energy efficiency standards than the 2021 codes, said Rob Dapice, the head of New Hampshire Housing.

Most of these properties already exceed code requirements. Most of them are built to Energy Star standards. And the owners and contractors, I think, see the value long-term for affordable housing and keeping their operating costs as low as possible," he said."

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