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Nahanters invited to learn about the Town's housing needs and weigh in

Nahant residents and community stakeholders will discuss a vision for housing goals

NAHANT – Housing costs in Nahant are at an all-time high. Rising housing prices could make it difficult for long-time Nahanters to stay in town, for people who grew up here to put down roots, and for potential new residents to find a home. If you're concerned about how this may affect you, your neighbors, or someone who'd like to live in Nahant please join us at a housing public forum on **March 8, 2023**.

The Town has secured state grants to fund a community-driven process to create a housing production plan (HPP) and explore pathways to comply with the Commonwealth's new MBTA community 3A zoning law. An Advisory Committee made up of Nahant residents, representing different areas of the Town, are guiding the process with technical support from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), Greater Boston's regional planning agency. The committee would like to hear from as many residents as possible to learn what housing challenges residents face and to decide on the Town's housing goals for the future.

The Town of Nahant, the Nahant HPP Advisory Committee, and MAPC are inviting Nahant residents to attend a public forum at Town Hall on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Participants will learn about data that describes the Town's demographics, housing stock, and housing affordability. Participants are also invited to share their experiences finding a home in Nahant that meets their needs and preferences. The committee will gather public input on a shared vision for how the Town will address its housing needs moving forward.

In addition to an assessment of the Town's housing needs, the forum will include information about the new MBTA community 3A zoning law and how it affects Nahant. This overview of 3A will prepare residents to think about the benefits of complying with 3A and the different ways the Town can pursue compliance. **We need to hear from you to pursue a path for housing that's right for Nahant. Please join us at Town Hall on Wednesday, March 8.**

WHEN: March 8, 2023

WHERE: Nahant Town Hall, 334 Nahant Road

REGISTER IN ADVANCE: <https://mapc.ma/NahantHPP>

For more information about the Nahant Housing Production Plan Update (HPP) and housing efforts, contact Nahant Town Administrator, Antonio Barletta or MAPC Senior Housing Planner John Cruz, AICP at jcruz@mapc.org.