

COMMUNITY HOUSING BOARD

January 15, 2026 Meeting Minutes



The CHB Meeting was hybrid.

CHB Members Present: Bran Dougherty-Johnson (*Chairperson*), Espen Segal, Bill Mastro, Mark Mobius, Peter McCracken

Town Officials Present: Meg Larsen (*Councilwoman*) **Present on Zoom:** Ben Dyett (*Councilman*)

Attendees Present: None

Attendees via Zoom: Julie Lane (*SI Reporter*)

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm (*Bran Dougherty- Johnson*)

2. Minutes: Motion to accept December 11, 2025 CHB Meeting Minutes. Seconded. Unanimously approved.

3. Nominate New Chair of CHB

Member Mobius nominated Bran Dougherty-Johnson as the new CHB Chair. Member McCracken seconded. Unanimously approved. The nomination will go to the Town Board for final approval.

4. ADU Plus One Update

Member McCracken reported on the most recent update from CDLI. There are three complete units and 13 others in various phases of the process, as well as a few new applications being reviewed.

The next call with CDLI will take place on January 28, 2026 at 10:00 am. Chairperson Dougherty-Johnson and Members Mobius and McCracken will participate on the call.

The Board discussed the challenges of keeping participants in the program due to paperwork and time, as well as the need for septic upgrades and the availability of grants.

Councilwoman Larsen noted that the state grant for septic funding is scheduled to increase to \$25,000 in March.

5. LOI Update

Negotiations are ongoing with CDLI and partners, with potential to be finalized in the next 1-2 weeks.

Member Mastro will work with Miriam Milgrom, who will be drafting the three primary agreements - the land lease, management agreement, and construction agreement, to help expedite the process.

6. Openings on CHB

There are currently 5-6 candidates being interviewed for the two open positions on the CHB.

Councilwoman Larsen outlined the skill sets of the candidates including affordable housing advocacy, architecture, government entities and housing experience. There is one more interview scheduled and the goal is to appoint new members by February 2, 2026.

7. Fund Update

As of December 31, 2025, the total available fund balance is \$1,511,054.70.

8. Landlord/Renter Posting Board

Members discussed the logistics of managing a poster board as well as the potential for a housing registry.

A virtual posting board potentially could work, as well as a physical board located in the lobby at Town Hall.

The Clerk will reach out to IT to see if a registry can be created through the Town's Notify Me system.

9. Old Business

Chairperson Dougherty-Johnson mentioned the Pro-Housing Community resolution, urging the Town Board to consider and adopt it this year to help with financing of projects.

A few people were contacted in regards to the Needs Assessment, however, not everyone has responded.

There is potential that housing fund money will need to be added to the grant to complete the assessment.

10. New Business

Members discussed how a lottery process would operate once the housing is ready for rental and noted that East Hampton seems to have an effective, well-functioning process.

Councilwoman Larsen announced the Town's successful bid on the School Street property which could potentially be used for town facilities or housing. The property will be included in the facilities master plan to be looked at along with other town owned property to determine the best use.

Chairperson Dougherty-Johnson proposed an update to the CHB Mission Statement for the website, to better explain their goals and activities.

Chairperson Dougherty-Johnson suggested potential future collaboration with the Community Preservation Fund, including exploring the possibility of joint property purchases.

Motion to close Public Meeting for Executive Session meeting at 7:43pm.

Adjourned at 7:54 pm

*Submitted By,
Jessica Montgomery
Community Housing Board Clerk*

(Approved 2/12/2026)