



**Town of Amherst  
Open Meeting of the Residents  
Regarding Studio Apartment Supportive Housing – 132 Northampton Road**

**Monday, June 24, 2019 6:30 p.m.**

**Large Activity Room**

**Bangs Center**

**70 Boltwood Walk**

**Project Page <https://www.amherstma.gov/3489/Northampton-Road-Project>**

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order

*The purpose of the meeting is to hear presentation and discussion on the proposed Studio Apartment Supportive Housing – 132 Northampton Road.*

2. Rules of Engagement

3. Presentations

- a. Recommendation of the Community Preservation Act Committee – Nate Budington, Chair, Community Preservation Act Committee (5 Minutes)
- b. Project description and response to known questions – Valley CDC (20 minutes)
  - 1) Project overview and highlights of neighbor concerns – Laura Baker, Real Estate Property Manager, Valley CDC, and Joanne Campbell, Executive Director, Valley CDC
  - 2) Discussion of tenant selection procedures & typical tenant issues – Property Manager Liz Reno from Housing Management Resources, Inc. (HMR)
  - 3) Discussion of public safety concerns / police dispatch data – Laura Baker, Real Estate Property Manager, Valley CDC
  - 4) Sharing of experience from one of our studio apartment tenants – TBD
- c. Statement from the Amherst Affordable Housing Trust – John Hornik, Chair (5 minutes)
- d. Abutters and Neighbors – (30 minutes)

- 1) Description of the neighborhood and comparison to the Northampton neighborhoods where the other Valley CDC SROs are located – Resident, Steve George, 23 Dana St.
- 2) Perspective of someone who works with SRO residents and a testimonial from a former SRO resident – Resident, Melissa Porter, 110 Dana St.
- 3) Analysis of emergency services for Valley CDC properties in Northampton – Resident, Rosie Cowell, 104 Dana St
- 4) Consideration of financial matters, both initial costs and the plan for ongoing support – Resident, Kate Sims, 77 Dana St.
- 5) Next steps: A call for continued dialogue to develop a plan we can all support – Resident, Hallie Hughes.
4. Timeline – What to Expect Going Forward – Chris Brestrup, Director of Planning, Town of Amherst
5. Councilor Questions (Clarifying)
6. Public Comments and Questions

*Residents are welcome to express their views for up to 3 minutes. If questions arise that are able to be answered during the meeting, the Town Council President will recognize the person(s) who will respond. All questions will be recorded and, to the extent possible, answers will be provided on the website by the end of the week. Otherwise, the Town Council will not engage in a dialogue or comment on a matter raised during Public Comment.*

7. Councilor Comments
8. Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair 48 Hours in Advance of the Meeting
9. Adjourn