

Affordable Housing Stewards Training



October 22 – December 10, 2025

Wednesdays, 6pm – 8pm

Join us via Zoom or in person

Introduction to the training

October 22, 2025

*By: Francisco Ramos, Director of Community Organizing
NewVue Communities*

- Welcome and introductions
- Introduction to the training
- Review of curriculum
- Requirement for graduation

Municipal Affordable Housing Trusts

October 29, 2025

Shelly Goehring

Massachusetts Housing Partnership

- What are Affordable Housing Trusts
- How can we use it?
- Strategies for gaining support and approval
- Community examples and best practices

Regulatory issues: zoning permitting

November 5, 2025

*By: Liz Murphy, Director of Community Development
City of Fitchburg*

- Chapter 40B
- MBTA Communities Act
- Accessory Dwelling Units

State resources and local opportunities

November 12, 2025

*By: State Rep. Natalie Higgins
Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

- State legislative advocacy process
- Update on the 2026 budget

By: TBD

Fitchburg Housing Authority

- The Family Self-Sufficiency Program

How State Resources can help you?

November 19, 2025

*By: Christine Madore, Director of Community Assistance
Massachusetts Housing Partnership*

- Building your community's housing toolbox
 - What are the main challenges in affordable housing production?
 - Who are the key players?
 - What strategies can communities use?

Thanksgiving day rest

November 26, 2025

What do developers look in a Site?

December 3, 2025

Athol: An example explained

By: Steve Cook, Housing Development

*James Linfield, Real Estate Project Developer
NewVue Communities*

- What do you need to build affordable housing?
- A site, capital, someone to do the work
- Federal and state resources, historic funding, etc.

What can we do? Next steps

December 10, 2025

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- How can you advocate for affordable housing with your local municipal government?
- How can you raise your understanding and capacity to build affordable housing in your local community?
- Evaluation of the training

To register for this training, and to receive a Zoom link,
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