



RMC Rural Housing Working Committee
Thursday, May 29, 2025
9:00 am to 11:00 am
Zoom Teleconference
Meeting Minutes

Participants: Chair Dominic Butchko, Cindy Stone, Susie Hayward, Alice Settle-Raskin, Jamie Williams, JoAnn Hensen, Molly Hilligoss, Ruth Davis-Rogers, Shawna Nelms, Yvonne Golczewski, Claudia Wilson Randall
RMC Staff: Charlotte Davis, Megan D’Arcy, Molli Cole, Leeza DeCheubel

Chair Dominic Butchko called the meeting to order at 9:07 am and welcomed the committee before beginning introductions.

Susie Hayward motioned to approve the minutes from the February 27, 2025, meeting; the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Dominic Butchko provided an update on the 2025 Legislative Session, noting that housing is expected to be the primary focus. He highlighted the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) bill, HB 1466, available at:

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgaweb/Legislation/Details/hb1466?ys=2025RS>

The committee briefly discussed the Administration’s release of the preliminary FY26 budget request.

Members also reviewed anticipated changes to Opportunity Zones and referenced several resources, including proposed reconciliation legislation on Opportunity Zone renewals and increased incentives for rural investments:

<https://www.novoco.com/notes-from-novogradac/proposed-reconciliation-legislation-provides-for-renewal-of-opportunity-zones-and-increased-incentives-for-rural-investments>

and general Opportunity Zone information:

<https://www.novoco.com/services/opportunity-zones>

The committee then turned to a discussion of what is currently working in other states. New Jersey and Massachusetts were noted as strong examples, including Massachusetts’ ONE+ mortgage program, a permanent subsidy program available at:

<https://www.mhp.net/one-mortgage/programs-2/one-plus>

Additional resources were shared, including an article from the National League of Cities on why local governments should integrate housing into their economic development strategies:

<https://www.nlc.org/article/2024/01/16/why-local-governments-should-make-housing-part-of-their-economic-development-plans/>

and the Housing Supply Accelerator (HSA) Playbook, developed by the American Planning Association and the National League of Cities:

<https://www.nahb.org/advocacy/state-and-local/housing-supply-accelerator-playbook>

A brief update was provided on the Housing Pilot Program, though no actions were taken.

No additional items were raised under other business.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 10:22 AM.

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 21, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM via Zoom. This meeting will be a working session focused on developing a housing policy package.