



COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

JULY 13TH, 2026

ROOM 208, CITY HALL

229 MAIN STREET, NASHUA, NH 03060

Members Present: Matt Sullivan, Liz Hannum, Kristy Besada, Skye Wheeler

Staff Present: Jessica Connors, Bobbie Bagley

Others Present: Hannah Stohler (Marguerites Place)

Call to Order

M. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 5:00 as quorum was present. Introductions were made by each attendee.

M. Sullivan started the meeting by advising the Committee that there will be a portion of the meeting that will go into non-public session.

M. Sullivan advised that the Committee will be listening to a presentation on the grant request for Marguerite's Place and the Land Bank study application.

Discussion: Marguerite's Place

- H. Stohler presented an organizational overview of Marguerite's Place, which was founded in 1994 and provides transitional housing and childcare for women and children. She noted that:
 - i. Their waiting lists are always full
 - ii. They have the highest level of state certification available for the childcare programs
 - iii. In 2024, they launched formal community programs to meet rising community needs
 - iv. Their success rate for their transitional housing program is nearly 80% -- nationally, it's closer to 60%
- H. Stohler then presented the new expansion that Marguerite's Place is undertaking at 106 Pine Street. Details of the development project include:
 - i. Demolishing the current property to construct a four-story, 18,000 square-foot building
 - ii. Creating 15 new transitional apartments, a community classroom, and case management offices
- H. Stohler requested \$500,000 from the committee to support the project
A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes.

Discussion: Land Trust Application

- M. Sullivan and L. Hannum discussed whether or not to proceed with a presentation on the Land Bank feasibility study, given that the presentation would be made by L. Hannum, who will not be able to vote on the motion, and all committee members were not present.
- L. Hannum stated that she does not need to vote on the application, but she believes she can be present during the discussion about the project.
- K. Besada stated that there is a benefit to having L. Hannum leave the room during the non-public session to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest.
- M. Sullivan suggested as an alternative that the application be scored during a public session so that any conversation about City projects are fully public.
- K. Besada supported this suggestion.



- **Non-Public Session - Marguerites Place**

- M. Sullivan made a motion to go into a non-public session to discuss matters which if discussed in public could potentially or would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this public body pursuant with RSA 91A(3)(2)(C)
 - i. K. Besada offered a Second to the motion
 - ii. A roll call was taken, which resulted as follows:
 - 1. Yea: 4
 - 2. Nay: 0

Motion Carried

- **Discussion of Land Bank Application**

- The Committee discussed how projects like the land bank feasibility study should be funded going forward.
- K. Besada stated that advocacy groups are largely interested in creation of units, or other similar projects, such as a landlord incentive project.
- L. Hannum presented the City's proposal for a feasibility study to determine if a land bank is implementable in the City of Nashua.
- The amount requested is \$24,000 for the initial scope.
- K. Besada mentioned that a land bank in New Hampshire would be innovative and, if feasible, would be worthwhile to understand in a larger sense.
- The discussion will be continued at the August 2026 meeting

- **Meeting adjourned at 6:35PM.**

- **Next meeting:** The next meeting will take place on 8/10/26 at 5:00PM in Room 208 at Nashua City Hall.

