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RFP 12-01 - Addendum #1 Update to Housing Production Plan Responses to Questions Received at Briefing Session

1. Please elaborate on the timeline for engagement.

Answer: We anticipate that engagement would begin in May and June, and continue again beginning in September. We anticipate that most, if not all, of the engagement would be virtual.

2. How many meetings do you anticipate?

Answer: As described in the sections labeled "Public Meetings and Community Outreach" and "Staff Role", we anticipate holding at least 2 public meeting sessions and up to 3 meetings with the Advisory Committee.

3. Please provide an update on the two 40B projects.

Answer: The two 40B projects referred to in the RFP include Thorndike Place, a long standing 40B project, and 1165R Massachusetts Avenue. Thorndike Place dates to 2016. At the onset of the project review, the Town asserted it met the general land area minimum. Upon appeal, the Housing Appeals Committee determined that the Town had not reached the 1.5% minimum land area threshold. Thorndike Place was remanded back to the ZBA, and review began in February 2020. It is anticipated that the Comprehensive Permit would be issued in April. The Comprehensive Permit application was just submitted for 1165R Massachusetts Avenue, and the ZBA held its first hearing on the project. Based on the review timeline, it is anticipated to go through the summer which is the earliest a Comprehensive Permit would be issued. It is likely that following the approval of these two projects, the Town would recalculate the general land area minimum.

No questions were received over email by the deadline.