



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Item # 5

MEETING DATE: October 7, 2025

ITEM TITLE: Discussion of Dare Housing Foundation and Councilmember Appointment

ITEM SUMMARY:

In accordance with a recommendation from its 2024 report, The Dare County Housing Task Force is working to create a non-profit housing foundation, Dare Housing Foundation (DHF).

- Once incorporated under NC Secretary of State, DHF can seek grant funding and undertake fundraising activities.
- Sponsorships will be offered to local governments, businesses, stakeholder groups, property owners, and individuals.
- Focus outreach efforts on non-resident property owners and visitors. Want to create awareness of the issue with these groups and the idea of giving back to the community they love.
- Proceed with sketch plan/concept illustrations of housing development for outreach activities and additional site evaluations.

The foundation's board members need to be named as part of the process of establishing non-profit status. The proposed composition of the DHF includes thirteen board members with public and private sector representation including representatives from each of the towns. The draft bylaws provide for these appointments to be elected officials (preferred), Town staff or a community member with experience or knowledge that will be beneficial to DHF. Each of the town's elected bodies have been asked to discuss participation in the DHF at their October meetings and vote on their representative for the DHF board. The goal is to have the non-profit paperwork filed in mid-October so the DHF can hold its first organizational meeting before the end of the year.

It is anticipated that the DHF Board will meet monthly once established and functioning.

REQUESTED ACTION:

A motion to appoint a Councilmember to serve as the Town's representative on the Dare Housing Foundation.

ATTACHMENT: Dare Community Housing Task Force September 23, 2025, Presentation