



Williston Woods Homeowners Association

Mobile Home Task Force Meeting

The Williston Wood Homeowners Association (WWHOA) consists of 34 manufactured housing units recognized by HUD as affordable senior housing. Each of the 34 residents own their home and the land their home sits on. Apparently, such manufactured home developments located in the State of Vermont are typically either a co-op or a rental situation. The fact that we own our land is currently creating WWHOA challenges obtaining services and financial support from the State of Vermont, because we don't qualify for inclusion on the VSHA Manufactured Home Park registry.

The WWHOA Board feels that manufactured homes provide an opportunity for the State of Vermont to make affordable housing more available to categories of citizens in need of affordable housing.

Some of these categories we believe could benefit include:

- Seniors with limited resources looking for affordable options for independent living
- Home buyers with limited resources looking to build equity for future housing options, such as young couples or lower income families

We assume the majority of manufactured home dwellers are people requiring affordable housing, which means they have fewer resources for long-term maintenance projects. Projects to address the longevity of the dwelling, safety issues, environmental (weather) efficiency, septic system requirements, and modifications for elderly mobility. In addition to these individual needs, there are various government requirements, such as the Storm water Runoff Project and septic system requirements, which place a huge financial burden on our residents, and likely others as well.

The WWHOA Board would like to see the State of Vermont consider supporting the promotion of manufactured homes for the groups identified above. We believe that everyone benefits when these groups become tax-paying homeowners, living with the security of reliable housing ownership. They would be more able to deal with the normal living demands, while making fewer demands on the services of the State and charitable organizations. We believe this financial support should be flexible, based on income.

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