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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Tuesday, September 22, 2020
Noon to 1:30 PM, Held remotely via Zoom

The Watertown Housing Partnership of the City known as the Town of Watertown will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at Noon to 1:30 p.m in order to participate in a virtual meeting hosted by the WestMetro HOME Consortium. In accordance with the Governor's Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G. L. c. 30A, § 20, relating to the 2020 Covid-19 emergency and to avoid group congregation, this meeting will only have remote opportunities for participation with public access provided as follows:

1. Join the virtual meeting online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83115091810>.
3. Join the virtual meeting audio only by phone: One tap mobile +16465588656,,83115091810# US (New York). Meeting ID: 831 1509 1810
4. Please **RSVP to Amanda Berman by Friday, 9/18** if you plan to attend, at aberman@newtonma.gov. There is also an opportunity to email comments to lfield@watertown-ma.gov prior to or after the meeting.

Please join the WestMetro HOME Consortium and consultant Judi Barrett for their in-depth discussion on the consortium's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice draft report. Watertown is one of the 13 communities in the WestMetro Consortium.

As recipients of federal funds - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) - from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the WestMetro HOME Consortium communities are required to take meaningful actions to overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from discrimination. As a result, the City of Newton and the Consortium engaged consultants Barrett Planning Group and JM Goldson LLC to develop an update to the Consortium's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) report. The AI is an assessment of state and local government's bylaws, ordinances, statutes, and administrative policies and local conditions that affect the location, availability, and accessibility of housing. The AI will include: 1.) Data Analysis; 2.) Identification of Barriers; and 3.) a Fair Housing Plan, which will identify steps the Consortium can take to overcome the identified fair housing barriers.