

New Fairfield Housing Myths vs. Facts

Myth: *Affordable Housing is only about building new.*

Fact: It is also rental assistance and preservation funds as in our Housing Rehabilitation Program

Myth: *We don't have a need in New Fairfield.*

Fact: Every community does. We need to define ours.

Myth: *Affordable Housing means big brick buildings with 40 units or more.*

Fact: It can be first time home ownership opportunities, housing rehabilitation, elderly housing, multi-family rentals of 2, 3, or 6 units, or accessory dwellings.

Myth: *The state is going to tell us what to build.*

Fact: there is no mandate. It is up to New Fairfield as a community to determine what we want, where we want it, what we want it to look like, and who it will serve.

Myth: *We are inviting people from outside the community.*

Fact: Historically, in CT, most of those (80-90%) come from or work in the community.

Myth: *The only solution is to create new housing for younger people.*

Fact: Senior housing, while keeping the town's history, opens up homes for younger people to occupy.

Myth: *The CT Department of Housing only supports affordable housing developments.*

Fact: The CT DOH prefers developments that welcome mixed incomes.

Myth: *The New Fairfield Housing Opportunities Committee is an elite and exclusive group making decisions for our town on their own.*

Fact: The HOC is made up of a diverse mix of citizens representing the diverse needs of the town, as well as ex officio representation from Planning, Zoning and the Board of Selectman. The only way to make a plan is through community involvement and they are looking for feedback from all segments of our population.

--From the CT Department of Housing