

Southborough Town Code § 9-25 requires that minutes of each public meeting and the documents used at the meeting be submitted to the Town Clerk within 45 days of the meeting and that the Town Clerk notify the board or committee chair when that reporting requirement is not met.

I'm writing to advise you that as of today, the Town Clerk's Office has not received the minutes and documents used at the **8/19/24** meeting of the **Southborough Housing Opportunity Partnership Committee**.

The Attorney General has determined that a document is considered to be "**used at a meeting**" when the document is:

- Physically present, and
- Identified by name, and
- Its contents are discussed at the meeting.

As a reminder, please submit the documents as individual files and ensure the name of **each separate file** matches how it is identified in the **Documents Used at This Meeting** section of the minutes.

Please reply to this email with your response which will be posted on the town website until the minutes and documents are received.

Please advise if you are unable to provide minutes for one of the following reasons:

1. The meeting was cancelled.
2. No meeting was held due to the lack of a quorum.
3. The meeting involved executive session(s) and the minutes for the executive session portion(s) cannot be released at this time. Note that minutes for the open session portion of a meeting must be released. Also, the board or committee must review any withheld executive session minutes regularly to ensure there is still a valid reason to withhold minutes from the public. We suggest you consult with Town Counsel on any matters concerning the release of executive session minutes.

Thank you,

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