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Hager Homestead Newsletter

February 2021

Building the first 55+ cohousing community in New England



Future Common House at [Hager Homestead](#)
On February 1, it snowed. And snowed. And snowed....



Learn About the Project!

We have permits! Do you have questions?

Attend next Information Session

[February 13, 2021, 6-7 pm EST](#)

Join us for this Zoom event where we will give an overview of cohousing: the vision, project, and timeline. Explore the membership process and get answers to your questions!

[Click to Register](#)

What Have We Been Doing?

[Common Spaces Participatory Design Workshop](#)

In January, we had our Common Space Workshop in three separate, 3-hour, virtual meetings. We faced mind-numbing decisions but were expertly guided through them by Laura Fitch, of [Fitch Architecture & Community Design](#), who conducted the workshops, with facilitation by Ted Rau, Program Director of [Sociocracy For All](#), and co-author of the Sociocracy handbook *Many Voices, One Song*.



[Community Movie Viewing: "The Dig"](#)

This weekend, Saturday, February 6, Tom and Brenda have invited us to join a Teleparty viewing of "The Dig" on NetFlix, followed by an afternoon Tea. Cohousing members Mike and Sheila, Britain-born, will lead the discussion on the traditions, ingredients, pleasures & culture of tea time in England.

BYO scones, clotted cream, and strawberry jam. Teleparty?

That's a thing? We will try to figure out how to do it!!

If we could do this in person, we would make Victoria supply the scones...



[After the snow, each of us spent days, shoveling ourselves out...](#)

from the 18 or so inches of snow that fell on February 1.

Meanwhile, the meadow behind [Hager Homestead](#) was transformed into a scene from a Robert Frost poem:

"Whose woods these are I think I know.

He will not see me stopping here;

to watch his woods fill up with snow...."



For a tour of our site, visit [Hagerhomestead.org](https://hagerhomestead.org) and scroll to the bottom of the 'About Our Project' page for a video tour of our future home (as it appears on a summer day).

Inspirational Video

Ted Talks: Dr Erica Elliott on Cohousing

"It's not a commune. It's not a cult."

This 10-minute **Ted Talk** is a great testimonial to cohousing by Dr. Erica Elliott, a medical doctor who has lived in a cohousing community

near Santa Fe for nearly 25 years. She explains why she moved there, why she stayed, and how she sees her future there.



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