

## **Hartford Ad-Hoc Committee on Emergency Shelter**

3/3/22 - Meeting Minutes - 5:00 PM

Committee Members present: Bryan Luikart (Chair), Ally Tufenkjian (Vice-chair), Simon Dennis (Secretary), Jon Chaffee, Michael Redmond, Tom Peletier, Scott Sablan.

Community Attendance: Marth Hafner

Brian called the meeting to order at 5:07 and reviewed the agenda.

**Michael moved passage of the HADCES minutes of 2/17/22. Bryan seconded. The minutes passed without objection.**

### **Discussion of the future of the Standing Committee on Housing and Homelessness.**

Bryan reported about the Selectboard meeting in which he presented about the Standing Committee. Several expressed appreciation for Bryans presentation and composure in responding to questions. He said that people who were not in favor of the existing HADCES meeting were in favor of the Standing Committee. He is looking forward to discussing issues for the future.

Martha said that she is encouraged by the Selectboard's work in this regard. She also said that she has been brainstorming some ideas that pertain to the international work that she is involved in that relate with entrepreneurial support for unhoused members of our community and wondered if this sort of effort should be included in the work of the committee at some point in the future.

Simon mentioned that he was concerned about the degree of acceptance in the Boardroom for expressions of personal bias regarding the unhoused community. It may help to begin to mention that bias harms people and that it is not something that should go unchecked. Bryan mentioned that the data he has reviewed did not indicate a correlation between violent crime and being unhoused. Michael mentioned that he will be compiling an argument in this regard for the discussion regarding the St. Paul's development Rt. 5.

Bryan mentioned that John Vogel had reached out about a potential tiny home idea and suggested that we should consider an informal meeting with John. Michael said that he would like to attend such a meeting. Bryan said he would follow up.

Bryan said that he would be interested in something which crossed the boundaries of different towns.

Michael asked if the main agenda of the proposed standing committee would be to advance the Zoning Regulation Amendment.

The committee discussed the new interpretation of rental units to include owner occupied RVs parked on land that is not owned by the RV's resident. Bryan reported that he had felt that the Planning Department was in favor of the original interpretation of Rental Units which held that "owner occupied" does not require that the resident own the land upon which the RV is parked. This interpretation also held that the state rental regulations would not apply to instances where the resident occupant of the RV did not possess the land upon which the RV was parked.

Simon mentioned that he felt that we should consider building the Zoning Reg Amendment into the proposed Standing Committee Charge. Michael agreed that this would be a good thing.

Martha mentioned the Pallet Shelter Program as an auspicious idea that is being reviewed by some at the state level.

**Jon Chaffee moved adjournment. Simon seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned 6:09 PM.**

**Our next meeting will take place on March 17th.**

Respectfully submitted, Simon Dennis