

Hartford Ad-Hoc Committee on Emergency Shelter

3/24/22 - Meeting Minutes - 5:00 PM

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

Community Attendance: Martha Hafner

Brian called the meeting to order at 5:05 and reviewed the agenda.

Ally moved passage of the HADCES minutes of 3/3/22. Scott seconded. The minutes passed without objection.

RV Policy Update

Bryan reported that the Planning Department is waiting for an opinion from Town Council about whether an owner-occupied RV located on land that is not owned by the occupant would be subject to Vermont Rental Housing Regulations. It seems that there is general consensus that it would not.

Discussion Regarding the Charge of the Proposed Standing Committee

Ally reported that June 1st is the deadline for the existing HADCES committee. Simon said that he felt that we should submit a charge to go onto a subsequent Selectboard Agenda. It was agreed that we would take up the Draft Charge revision process at this time. Bryan shared the existing Draft Charge and led the group through a Charge Revision process. The question about whether or not the membership should be limited to Hartford residents was discussed. Bryan said that having involvement across all four towns would be beneficial. It was agreed that we would leave it open for now but be ready to offer a proposal of some number of seats which could be occupied by non-Hartford residents.

Scott moved to approve the language of the Draft Charge to come before the Selectboard for adoption at an upcoming meeting. Ally seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

Ally moved adjournment. Scott seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 6:04 PM.

Our next meeting will take place on April 7th. Respectfully submitted, Simon Dennis

Hartford Committee on Housing and Homelessness

Term:

This Committee shall be a standing committee and shall serve until discontinued by motion of the Selectboard

Constitution:

This advisory committee will be constituted by one Selectboard Member and no more than seven individuals with expertise regarding the subject matter, up to one member of staff at the discretion of the Town Manager. Each member shall have equal weight in discussion and voting.

Charge:

To increase Hartford's affordable housing stock and support the well-being of unhoused and unsheltered Hartford residents with actions that might include the following:

1. Identifying, tracking and reporting metrics regarding housing stock in Hartford and the state of Hartford's unhoused and unsheltered communities.
2. Identifying and addressing regulatory obstacles within State and local legislation to the creation and occupation of affordable housing in Hartford.
3. Collaborating with the Hartford Planning Department and Planning Commission to advance Hartford's work amending its Zoning Regulations to allow for the use of recreational vehicles as sleeping quarters.
4. Assessing strengths and gaps regarding Hartford's housing stock, and local and regional services and opportunities for people experiencing homelessness.
5. Identifying opportunities for Hartford to facilitate the creation of affordable housing.
6. Supporting the inclusion of unhoused Hartford residents into the municipal process and community.
7. To submit a report annually or as needed which includes recommendations for action by the Hartford Selectboard in alignment with the above goals.

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