

Hartford Ad-Hoc Committee on Emergency Shelter

05/13/21 Meeting Minutes - 5:00 PM

Committee Attendance: Simon Dennis (secretary), Becca White (Chair), Tom Peltier, Ally Tufenkjian (Vice-Chair), Bryan Luikart, Jon Chaffee

Community Attendance: Martha Hafner, George Abetti

Becca called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM. And called for amendments to the minutes of 4/29/21. Jon Chaffee mentioned he was present but not listed among the attendees. Simon made the amendment.

Ally moved passage of 4/29/21 as amended. Jon seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Town Policy on Encampment

Ally reported that she had asked the Selectboard if the Selectboard would like to receive encampment policy feedback and a report about the Committee's work. The Selectboard said that they would and Becca will present for 15 minutes at the next meeting. Ally has received some feedback from committee members.

Becca said that committee members should focus on suggested amendments to the Town Policy at our next meeting. We will edit a bulleted list of amendments at our next meeting and it will make its way to the Selectboard via email subsequent to Becca's

Letter regarding Regulatory Amendments

Becca gave an update of the process to date. And reported that she and Simon met with members of the Department of Planning and Development. Subsequently, it has become clear that the Planning Department is not currently in support. Becca will bring this matter before the Selectboard. Perhaps this will deliver more formality around the process.

There was some general discussion about RV's, State and local regulations.

Micro-Dwelling Development

Simon reported that an offer had been made to purchase a particular parcel and that that offer was not accepted. The Sellers had said that they may have an additional parcel to suggest.

General Discussion

Becca asked about the Committee's ability to access state and federal funding. Discussion about liability.

Jon mentioned that Portland, ME had specific ordinance that allowed unhoused individuals to dwell in RV's and included the link in the chat:

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Our next meeting will be 5/27/21 at 5:00.

Jon moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 PM. Bryan seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

The attendance link will be: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81522347053>

Submitted by Simon Dennis, Committee Secretary