

Hartford Ad-Hoc Committee on Emergency Shelter

5/27/21 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

Becca called the meeting to order at 5:17 PM. And called for amendments to the minutes of 4/29/21. Ally mentioned that our discussion reflected the board's desire to share suggested amendments with the Town Manager and that it was mentioned that the Town Manager drafted the policy. Simon made the amendments.

Ally moved passage of 5/13/21 Minutes as amended. Bryan seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Town Policy on Encampment

Ally presented the current list of suggested amendments. The group suggested and agreed upon additional suggested amendments to the policy.

Tom gave an explanation of current practices with regards to how the policy is being implemented. The implementation of the policy is governed by which department the violation falls under.

A variety of suggested amendments were made and discussed.

Simon moved to authorize Becca to forward the suggested amendments the Hartford Policy on Unhoused Encampments to Tracy and the Selectboard Chair (making topographical and grammatical corrections as needed). Bryan seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Letter regarding Regulatory Amendments

Becca gave an updated report regarding the suggested amendments. Becca and Simon met with members of the Planning Dept to discuss potential next steps making it possible to sleep in RV's. Both are optimistic.

Simon reported that the demo-unit will be ready in a week or so.

Micro-Dwelling Development

Simon and Jon reported that they had been walking over a new parcel of land and were in dialogue with brokers and sellers in this regard. Stay tuned for updates on this soon.

General Discussion

Becca noted that she would not be available on 6/10/21 and it was decided that we should reschedule our next meeting which would normally happen at that time. Bryan suggested that we take the scheduling offline. Simon volunteered to send out the doodle poll.

Simon mentioned that there would be a Memorial Service to recognize the lives of the unhoused who had passed away this year. This will happen at Lyman Point Park behind the Listen Center this Sunday at 4:00 PM

Ally moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 PM. All were in favor.

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

Submitted by Simon Dennis, Committee Secretary