

Hartford Ad-Hoc Committee on Emergency Shelter

6/24/21 Meeting Minutes - 5:00 PM

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

Community Attendance: Martha Hafner

Becca called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM and called for amendments to the minutes of 5/27/21. There were none.

Becca moved passage of 5/27/21 Minutes as amended. Bryan seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Town Policy on Encampment

Becca reviewed an email that she received from the Town Manager. It was agreed that the committee would wait and focus more on how the policy is enforced.

Recreational Vehicle Zoning Regulation Amendment

Simon asked Tom about the discussion regarding the Fire Department's jurisdiction. He reported that the Fire Department does not have jurisdiction over RV's.

Simon said that there had been a meeting with Terry Shearer and the Planning Department in which it was reconfirmed that the State of Vt does not have jurisdiction over Recreational Vehicles.

Tom mentioned a past discussion about the potential for residential insurance to be cancelled due to the addition of a RV Dwelling.

Simon mentioned the potential for unhoused individuals to acquire an RV and find a place to put it as a potential scenario.

Jon said that he understands that the Town is headed towards a single RV. What about asking for two? Jon said that amending the regulation normalizes what is actually in practice. And helps everyone.

It was agreed that Becca and Simon would schedule an additional meeting with the Planning Department and then before the Planning Commission to discuss the amendment of a second RV on a site and perhaps additional changes to the Town proposed amendment.

Jon reported that he had spoken with a Board at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. They had asked for three things: a port-a-potty, a contract, and a set location where the RV would go once it departed from St. Pauls.

Martha asked about the process of evicting vouchered residents from the hotels on July 1st. There was some general discussion about the Town's efforts to find places for people to go.

Becca mentioned that there is a need for mutual aid to support the outgoing hotel residents. Simon said he would research the outlook on these residents.

Micro-Dwelling Development

Simon reported that there was a significant tension between the parcel of land that is currently under consideration and an abutting landowner, Toddler's Morning Out. This may make this parcel non-viable. He will meet with the Executive Director of TMO and report again about this parcel. He also said that he and Jon are researching other options.

Jon moved to adjourn the meeting. Bryan Seconded. All were in favor and the Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM.

There is a new attendance link! It will be: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84153154638>
(Please note that this link will be in effect through September of 2021.)

Submitted by Simon Dennis, Committee Secretary