

Hartford Ad-Hoc Committee on Emergency Shelter

7/08/21 Meeting Minutes - 5:00 PM

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

Community Attendance: Martha Hafner, John Hall

Becca called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM and called for amendments to the minutes of 6/24/21. There were none.

Bryan moved passage of the 6/24/21 Minutes. Becca seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Update on the Voucher Program

Simon said that sites are full. We are estimating at least 20 campers at the moment, but we don't have a definitive count.

Ally reported that numbers have gone from 140 to 120 and currently to 90. Question: Where have these folks gone? How many have gone into the camping population? The Haven currently has vacancies.

Bryan asked if the haven is at full capacity. Simon said that additional beds had opened but that they were not yet up to the pre-covid levels.

RV Zoning Regulation Amendments

Becca reported that the Planning Department is currently working with the Fire Marshal to better understand what the Fire Department's role may be in inspecting the RV Dwellings, and if there is a role and what the checklist will include.

Tom reported that he had spoken to the Planning Department about RV Dwellings. He is reviewing the process with the state, to learn if RV Dwellings are something that he is able to be a part of or not. He called it a great project. He said that the Fire Department does not have jurisdiction over RV's but if it is classified as a Public Building perhaps they will have involvement.

Town Policy on Encampment

Simon had a conversation with the Town Manager and Haven Staff in which it was reaffirmed that the Town's approach will be complaint-based.

Bryan asked about support for keeping campsites clean. The Town has contracted trash removal services. Becca said she would request Town Support from the Department of Public Works for removing trash bags. All were in favor. It was agreed that involving the residents as much as possible is important.

Sub-Group Reports

Simon reported that the Palmer Court Property will not be possible due to its proximity to Toddler's Morning Out.

Martha mentioned a local display of emergency housing options. Becca suggested that perhaps Jon Chaffee could lead this. We will discuss this next meeting.

The next meeting will take place on July 22nd. And there will be an in-person option at Town Hall. Becca will attend this meeting in person at Town Hall.

Bryan moved to adjourn the meeting. Simon Seconded. All were in favor and the Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Please note the new attendance link that will be in effect through September:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84153154638>

Submitted by Simon Dennis, Committee Secretary