

# **Hartford Ad-Hoc Committee on Emergency Shelter**

7/22/21 Meeting Minutes - 5:00 PM

**Committee Attendance:** Ally Tufenkjian, Simon Dennis (secretary), Jon Chaffee, Michael Redmond, Becca White

**Community Attendance:** Martha Hafner

**Ally called the meeting to order at 5:13 PM** and called for amendments to the minutes of 7/08/21. There were none.

**Jon moved passage of the 7/08/21 Minutes. Simon seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.**

## **RV Zoning Regulation Amendments**

Simon reported that the Planning Department is currently waiting for an answer from the Hartford Fire Department regarding their jurisdiction, and if they have some, what would their checklist be. There was some general discussion.

Ally asked if there might be value in having the topic come before the Selectboard again. Becca joined the meeting. Becca said that she agreed that we are not moving at a pace that is responsive to the kind of need that we are experiencing. Becca agreed that we need to regroup with the planning department.

There was some general agreement that Ally would make a report to the Selectboard.

## **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.

## **General Discussion**

Michael reported about the continuation of the process of winding down from the State of Emergency Hotel Voucher Program to the General Assistance guidelines.

Becca asked if the grant that the Haven received would be able to support the equipment that is outlined in the Town Encampment Policy. Michael met with Tracy about keeping informed about people at campsites and their needs.

Jon reminded the group that the parcel off of Hemlock Ridge is off limits for a campsite; there is a day care near the parcel that is not amenable to this.

Next steps: Ally will move forward on RV policy items.

The next meeting will take place on August 5th. There will be an in-person option at Town Hall. Becca will attend this meeting in person at Town Hall.

**Michael moved to adjourn the meeting. Jon seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 6:12pm.**

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84153154638?pwd=a0hRS3hpd1dhbXAveDNqOU9hZ0lDZz09>

Submitted by Simon Dennis and Ally Tufenkjain