

TASK FORCE

Homelessness task force

DATE 02/07/2024

Call to Order

7:03

LOCATION

Zoom only

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ericka Reil ,Jeremy Spiro-Winn, Joe Mueller, Stephen Finner , Philip Moros and Miriam Ben-Dor,

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chip Castle and Ericka Reil

OTHER ATTENDEES

Staff Liaison Brooke Puoliot, Samatha Hiscock, Rebecca Baruzzi, Linda Schindler and Frederick Minley

1) Call to order 7:03 PM

2) Adjustments to Agenda

none

3) Approval of minutes from the previous meetings

Moved by Jeremy seconded by Miriam

4) Report of Tess Taylor

postponed

5) Survey status

Sam said there are no encampments in the city. Chip was told there is one in The Cow Pasture. Samantha and Chip wanted to focus on people in encampments.

Miriam got 2 responses at overflow shelter in Montplier and Ericka got 2 more at Another Way. People are reluctant to answer surveys. Steve will contact the organizations providing Community dinners and ask about the possibility of distributing surveys. Miriam will contact the Haven to see if surveys can be passed out.

6) Portalets

City would like a proposal about porta potties

Stephen will send out numbers (cost)

and hopefully we will all try our hands at writing a proposal. Proposal should include budget and locations. There was a discussion of asking other committees to share the expense.

7) Warming Shelters

Overflow shelters at UU church and at Christ Church in Montpelier

Barretown is not willing to do anything. Perhaps a conversation should be had between Mayor of Barre City and Manager of Barre town.

People are being exited from hotels in April and is to June 30. Budget adjustment act is for extension to June. People will be exited due to end of covid money and the winter exception. What happens when they are exited. Whether in April or June there is still an issue. A plan should be put in place for the inevitability of an increase in the number of unhoused people.

Phil is meeting with The church of the Good Shepherd to see what can be done to fill the before school gap for unhoused students.

At the March meeting the Homelessness Task Force will work on a response to the impending emergency ie. end of motel cold weather exception vouchers. People will be exited at the latest by June. Task Force should contact the city and develop a response to anticipated increase in the homeless population.

Capstone Community Action manages several temporary housing units for families and individuals who are without a home and working toward permanent housing.

8) Legislation

H719 An act relating to housing development and unit rehabilitation. Omnibus bill

H616 This bill proposes to provide temporary protections to tenants against no-cause evictions.

H132 This bill proposes to establish a homeless bill of rights and prohibit discrimination against persons without homes.

9) Other homeless advocacy organizations

VIA

Housing and Homelessness Alliance

Motion to adjourn at 7:50

Moved by Miriam
Second by Phil

Adjournment 7:50 PM.

Next meeting
March 6

Respectfully,

Philip Moros

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Adjournment 7:50
PM.

Feb 7th

Respectfully,

Philip Moros