

Homelessness Task Force Minutes March 3,2024

ZOOM ONLY

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Erica Reil,Chip Castle,Jeremy Spiro-Winn, Joe Mueller, Stephen Finner and Philip Moros

OTHER ATTENDEES

Tess Taylor, Homelessness and Housing Liaison
Brooke Poulliot, Staff Liaison
Mike Peabody

1. Call to order.

Call to order 7:01
PM

Welcoming of visitors

- 1) Adjustments to the agenda
Add approval of minutes as Item 2.

2)Approval of minutes.

Correction to minutes. Ericka was list as both being present and absent from the February meeting. She was absent.
Motion to accept minutes with correction.
Moved by Stephen Seconded by Jeremy.
Motion carried.

2). Report on Survey

Next Steps. Ericka has 5 surveys filled out by campers and people who work with police dept.

Miriam has 2 completed surveys.

Chip will approach campers in the pasture and in Berlin and try to get responses to the survey.

All the surveys will be given to Jeremy by Jeremy March 20th. He will enter data into spread sheet. The data will be reviewed by the Homelessness Task Force. It will then be submitted to the City Council and Police Department.

3) Portalet Proposal

Motion: The Homelessness Task Force requests the Barre City Council approve rental and maintenance of 6 ADA accessible portalets, for an approximate monthly cost of \$250 each (\$18,000 annually).

Moved by Stephen

2nded by Chip

Stephen made an appeal that everyone please contact their city councilor to support the request. Jeremy opined that given budget situation it may be voted down. But it will keep it on the city's radar. It will promote discussion and the number maybe adjusted downward.

Motion passed.

4) Tess Taylor on North End Rebuild.

Tess Taylor , the Homelessness and Housing Liaison, did a presentation on the North End rebuild. Due to time constraints the presentation was cut short. Her presentation in full as well as her job description is attached here.

5) Pending legislation

It was noted that The Homelessness Bill of Rights H132 has passed the House and is in the Senate.

The bill banning no cause evictions is not going to pass.

The original omnibus housing bill which was tripartisan sponsored never came out of the committee to which it was assign but bits and pieces of it have appeared in other bills which are passing.

No proposals for building housing have been put out for bid as outlined in H171.

6) Updates fro housing related groups

Postponed until next meeting.

Adjournment

8PM

NEXT MEETING

April 3,2024

7PM

Respectfully,

Philip Moros