

Homelessness Task Force
AUGUST 3, 2021

Public Safety Building and ZOOM

Minutes

- 1) Called to order 7 PM
- 2) Present : Loren Polk, Chip Castle, Stephen Finner, Ericka Reil, Philip Moros
Absent Brook Pouliot and Tammy Menard
- 3) Adjustments to agenda
Setting officers put first on the agenda
- 4) Election of officers
Ericka Reil Chair person
Stephen Finner Vice Chair
Philip Moros Secretary
- 6) Membership
There are 2 openings Candace Gale and Rachel Rudi have resigned.
Loren Polk will become a member of the task force.
Erika and Loren will solicit membership of unhoused person, landlord, or Barre City resident. Chip Castle will supply a landlord list.
- 7) Updates from hotels
92 clients in Montpelier
32 Berlin
75 Barre
Welcome Center is almost at full capacity
Hotels are full and the funding mechanism will end in the spring Of 2023
- 8) Montpelier
There will be no overflow shelters in Montpelier this winter.
Money has been allocated to interview and assess the unhoused and figure out the best avenue to set up a shelter
- 9) Resource List
Pamphlet
Including 211 resource list, where to shower, charge cell phones, bathroom locations, clothing closets, where to wash clothes, businesses that are amenable to being listed in pamphlet. In addition to pamphlet add link to City website and library website. Permissions required use of 211 resource list, adding link to city website, adding link to library website and listing businesses in pamphlet. Erika will speak with city manager and mayor about their approaching businesses about being listed in the pamphlet and contact 211 about using their list.
Local printers should be approached about producing the pamphlet.
- 10) Setting Priorities

Address membership issues
Resource list

Help community to learn about homelessness, foster empathy for and give a greater understanding of how react and interact wit this vulnerable population. Meet them where they are.

Address issue around wrap around services, support system, and where to access services. Find out how current spending compares with precovid spending.

Contact

VIA to help with educating people. Offer resources re: human lending library, Ryan Dowd.

Contact BIG/ (Barre Interfaith Group) to find out what is happening on the church level.

Meeting Adjourned 8 PM.