

Hartford Committee on Housing and Homelessness October 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes DRAFT

Members Present: Jen Kravitz, Nancy Trottier, Maggie Burnett, Brandon Smith (Selectboard Liaison), Lori Hirshfield (staff)

1. Call Meeting to Order

Jen Kravitz called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM. We did not have anyone accessing the meeting remotely.

2. Review Order of Agenda

There were no changes to the order of items on the meeting agenda.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Approve August and September Meeting Minutes

There were no changes to the minutes. Maggie Burnett made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Nancy Trottier seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Next Steps for Rental Inventory

Lori Hirshfield reported that she will be meeting with the Assessor's Office to determine the available pertinent information they have. This information will inform the scope of the inventory. Maggie discussed a first pass on a list of inventory questions. She will meet with Lori to create an inventory first draft which may include informational documents to aid property owners in filling out the inventory.

6. Continue Discussion on Solutions for the Unhoused Community

Lori presented information about the NHCEH Regional Roundtable on Homelessness scheduled for Friday, October 11 at the Kilton Library. Many of the HCHH members will attend and report back at our November meeting.

Jen reported that she had reviewed both the Hartford AD HOC Committee report and the Hartford Housing Chapter and valuable information that may direct HCHH initiatives going forward. Lori acknowledged that some of the directives had already been addressed. Jen will forward these documents to the group.

Brandon suggested a brainstorming session. The committee may do this at a future meeting.

7. Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget

Lori reported that HCHH has two allocations of money, \$1,000.00 for events, workshops and needed materials and \$15,000.00 to kick-start opportunities for housing initiatives such as creation of ADUs. The committee will discuss potential programming ideas at the November meeting. Lori will keep allocations consistent for the 2026 budget.

8. Update on Town Website Page on Housing

There was no report.

9. HCHH Preparation for the Hartford Community Coalition Block Party on October 18th

Ideas for the HCHH table at the Block Party were discussed and include some kind of visual survey that shows the percentage of income being spent on rent. How this is accomplished will be determined by who from the committee can attend.

10. News from Committee Members

Maggie will forward a VPR report on housing in Rutland. Brandon mentioned his research into Real Page is ongoing. Nancy mentioned the lack of support for the unhoused she experienced during a recent trip to New Orleans.

11. Adjourn Meeting

Nancy Trottier made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Maggie Burnett seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting ended at 7:25PM.

Committee Members

John Haffner, Chair (through 12/12/2024)

Jennifer Kravitz, Vice Chair (through 4/03/2025)

Dan Nott (through 11/28/2024)

Nancy Trottier (through 9/18/2025)

Maggie Burnett (through 12/11/25)

Brandon Smith, Selectboard Liaison

Lori Hirshfield, Staff Liaison