

Hartford Committee on Housing and Homelessness

April 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes Approved

Members Present: John Haffner (Chair), Dan Nott, Nancy Trottier, Maggie Burnett, Lexi Webster (staff), Jennifer Kravitz (participant)*, Brandon Smith (Selectboard liaison)

1. Call Meeting to Order

John Haffner called the meeting to order at 6:04PM.

2. Review Order of Agenda

There were no changes to the order of the agenda.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Approve March Meeting Minutes

There were no changes to the minutes. A formal vote on the minutes will occur during the next meeting.

5. Next Steps on Rental Inventory Survey Review

John reported on a positive meeting with the Hartford Selectboard on 4/1/25. The inventory was well-received and feedback was constructive.

- a. The committee confirmed the new order of questions.
- b. The Committee reviewed goals from the survey:
 - Capture information not found in other places
 - Build relationships between HCHH, property owners and renters
 - Better understand rental stock in Hartford
 - Contacts of property owners
 - Shed light on potential health and safety concerns
- c. It was determined that there will be a “soft launch” without publicity during which we will request a few folks to fill out the survey and confirm the process.

Lexi will work with Lori to compile stats from the Assessor’s Office for comparison. Dan Nott will create a flyer with a QR code. Surveys will be available at the libraries, Senior Center, and distributed in-person at the Block Party and potentially a table in front of the Co-Op.

It was decided by the committee that the survey will run from May 1 – August 31.

6. Senior Housing Solutions

Jen Kravitz offered two dates, June 18 or July 30, for another HomeShareVT information session at the Bugbee Senior Center. She will confirm the date with Shari Borzekowski at HomeShareVT for the May HCHH Meeting.

7. Continue to Discuss Solutions for the Unhoused Community

Jen Kravitz reported that the libraries are excited to offer screenings of Just Getting By and make the video available to patrons to reserve. Putting a screening schedule in place will be added to the HCHH May meeting agenda. Jen will confirm additional screening copyright costs. Lexi will check with Lori on where we are at in purchasing the videos for the libraries. Maggie will explore additional screenings at area churches.

8. Update on Town Website Page on Housing

Dan Nott asked where the survey should live on the Town website. It was determined that it will be included on the HCHH page as well as added to Surveys under Departments/Town Communications. There was a concern that there could be confusion with the Homes For Hartford section on the website. Lexi reported that this is an old committee and the information should be updated or removed.

9. News from Committee Members

There was no additional news offered.

10. Adjourn Meeting

The committee adjourned the meeting at 7:08PM.

Committee Members

John Haffner, Chair (1/6/2027)

Dan Nott (through 11/25/2026)

Nancy Trottier (through 9/18/2025)

Maggie Burnett (through 12/11/25)

3 vacant Committee Member Positions

Lori Hirshfield, Staff Liaison

Lexi Webster, Staff Liaison

***March Meeting Minutes approval motion will be re-done due to the expiration of Jennifer Kravitz's term.**