

Hartford Committee on Housing and Homelessness

February 12, 2026 Meeting Minutes Approved

Members Present: John Haffner (Chair) Nancy Trottier, Jen Kravitz, Dan Nott, Maggie Burnett, Lexi Webster (staff).

1. Call Meeting to Order

John Haffner called the meeting to order at 6:02PM.

2. Review Order of Agenda

There were no changes to the order of the agenda.

3. Public Comment

Tad Montgomery was present and noted that he is investigating the purchase of large older homes in the Upper Valley with the goal of renovating the homes into multi-family, affordable coops. He is also exploring an acupuncture clinic to treat addiction.

4. Approve January Meeting Minutes

There were no changes to the minutes. Jen Kravitz made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes as presented and Dan Nott seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

5. Nora Gosselin from Cooperative Development Institute & Engaging Manufactured Home Parks

Nora Gosselin, Director of Resident Acquisitions for the Cooperative Development Institute (CDI), spoke to the committee about her work creating resident owned communities throughout New England and New York with the goal of keeping the properties affordable and in the hands of the residents. Her work at CDI includes:

- Proactive outreach to mobile park owners
- Convening and informing park residents of purchasing opportunities
- Providing necessary information to resident groups including;
 - o Local laws and protections
 - o Potential deferred maintenance
 - o Available financing options
 - o Infrastructure support
 - o Post-purchase technical support

Presently, there are sixteen mobile home communities in VT that could face owner turnover and fall into CDI's mobile home park size requirements (25 units or more) with three being in Hartford. Nora will send along CDI's information packet to HCHH. The Committee is interested in exploring this initiative as another avenue to support affordable housing units in Hartford.

6. Hartford's Big Little Build: Small-scale Housing Pilot Project Update

The working group met on 1/23/26. Lexi continues to meet with potential vendors as well as create the necessary informational materials to launch the program by June.

7. 802 Homes Update: Debrief from 2/11 Public Design Workshop

Lexi reported that the public design workshop offered by the 802 Homes team and Hartford's Planning and Development Office was well attended and provided potential "missing middle" home designs on which participants provided feedback. Areas of consideration included how these designs met the needs of seniors aging in place, new home buyers, renters, and potential locations. The 802 Homes team will consider the information as they complete the task of finalizing ten (10) permit-ready building plans.

8. Solutions for the Unhoused Community

Committee members noted the public comments at the 2/3 Selectboard meeting. HCHH supports the continued work toward affordable housing in Hartford.

9. News from Committee Members

There was no additional committee news.

10. Adjourn Meeting

Nancy Trottier made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jen Kravitz seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting ended at 7:30PM.

Committee Members

John Haffner, Chair (through 1/6/2027)

Jennifer Kravitz, Vice Chair (through 4/28/2027)

Dan Nott (through 11/25/2026)

Nancy Trottier (through 9/1/2027)

Maggie Burnett (through 12/08/2027)

Ashley Andreas, Selectboard Liaison (through 3/3/2026)

Lori Hirshfield, Staff Liaison

Lexi Webster, Staff Liaison