

Hartford Committee on Housing and Homelessness

April 9, 2026 Meeting Minutes Approved

Members Present: John Haffner (Chair) Nancy Trottier, Dan Nott, Maggie Burnett, Ashley Andreas (Selectboard Liaison), 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

There was no public comment.

4. Approval of February Meeting Minutes and March Meeting Notes

There were no changes to the February minutes or March notes. Dan Nott made a motion to approve both minutes and notes as presented and Nancy Trottier seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

- Lexi and John reported on the ADU Financing Forum at Kilton Library which included brainstorming on the use of revolving loan funds, available technical assistance, and grant programs. It was helpful to communicate with other interested individuals and municipalities.
- Lexi presented a list of vendors (architects, builders, engineers, surveyors, and capital) available to participants when the pilot program is launched. The committee offered additional vendors. The lack of vendors in some areas creates long wait times. We are still on track for a program launch in June/July.

6. Continued Discussion on Solutions for the Unhoused Community

John asked for proactive outreach ideas before the August/September opening of The Haven's new Shelter and Resource Center on North Main Street in WRJ. The committee discussed coalition building and community outreach. Rebuilding trust and creating positive relationships between the Haven, those using the facility, and community members is imperative. Collaborating with the Center for Restorative Justice was discussed. This topic will be added to the HCHH May agenda.

7. News from Committee Members

- AARP and the Town is hosting an ADU Considerations course on May 11-13, 5-7PM at the Bugbee Senior Center, presented by Lina Menard from Niche Consulting.
- AARP is interested in sponsoring a missing middle housing walking tour in WRJ sometime in June.
- Ashley requested volunteers at the Habitat for Humanity build on Nutt Street in WRJ. The committee agreed to volunteer on Friday, May 29, with more details to follow.
- Ashley will research dates for HCHH to volunteer to prepare a meal at Listen.

8. Adjourn Meeting

Nancy Trottier made a motion to adjourn and Dan Nott seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously and the meeting ended at 7:40PM.

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 3/2/2027)

Lori Hirshfield, Staff Liaison

Lexi Webster, Staff Liaison