

Inclusion Committee Minutes 10/26/22

- 1) 5:34: call to order
 - a) Present in person: Walter Martone, pattrice jones, Sue Dowdell, Brandon Gulnick
 - b) Present on zoom: Char Osterlund
- 2) Additions: Springfield Community Health Equity Project; discuss no warming shelter
- 3) Public comment - no public present
- 4) Approval of minutes of Oct 5 Special Meeting:
 - a) Correction: under old business, should read "potential EVENT being planned"
 - b) Sue Dowdell Motions to accept; Walter seconds. Unanimous with Charis abstaining.
- 5) Discuss housing related items
 - a) Nov 17th info meeting
 - i) Jessica Hyman of the Fair Housing Project at CVOEO and Statewide Director of Housing Program has agreed to speak on the topic of fair housing. Overview of programs available for people seeking housing; here are resources available to property owners; here are resources for municipalities
 - ii) Laura Ryan, director of Springfield Housing Authority (incl Section 8 program, small grant program, low income and workforce housing).
 - iii) Lee Trapeni, Springfield Supported Housing, supporting folks who are unhoused.
 - iv) Maura Collins (to be confirmed); Maura Collins/VHFA with all their granting/funds/programs at the State level for tenants, landlords, owners, municipalities.
 - v) Jason Rasmussen, Exec Dir of Ascutney Regional Commission, will speak on Keys to the Valley.
 - (1) Suggests a person with 3d Thermal, providing free help to landlords for doing energy efficiency: Randy Drury.
 - vi) Paul Martorano, Windham and Windsor Housing Trust, can talk about Vt Rental Rehab program. Will attend via Zoom if possible. He suggests 2 others from WWHT: Bruce Whitney (homeownership director), Marion Major (Promotional Manager)
 - vii) Round Robin of resources that have not yet been mentioned from public
 - viii) Q&A
 - (1) Discussion of Needs
 - (2) Charis, Sue and pattrice will become the PR team to get participation
 - b) Fair Housing Handout update: Fair Housing Project staff are excited to support the development of this document.
 - c) Discussing other possible recommendations
 - i) Health officer role exploration continues (Brandon)
 - ii) Zoning regulations and other town policies–will discuss next regular meeting

- iii) Housing Committee–Brandon will draft recommendation that Springfield will have a Housing Committee
- 6) Springfield Community Health Equity Project
 - a) Unhoused folks belongings
 - b) Funding for printing from library
- 7) Warming shelter
 - a) There will be no warming center in town. Library is shifting to Movie Lunch, Family Center will provide food through everyone eats.
 - i) Charis will contact SSH and SHA, look at Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness website about how other towns have managed this to support the survival of our unhoused community members.
 - ii) Walter will get the emergency shelter plan
 - iii) Will discuss in depth at the next meeting
 - b) **Charis moves that we make a recommendation** to the Town that they post information about state LIHEAP support for fuel costs; state crisis heating support; and SEVCA & State tips for conservation on the town website so that our community members have this information at their fingertips.
 - i) Brandon seconds. The motion passes unanimously.
- 8) Date of Next regular meeting: November 16th, 2022, 5:30pm.