



TOWN COUNCIL
Committee to Assess Homelessness in Hyannis
Selectmen's Conference Room

Monday January 9, 2017
MEETING MINUTES

I. BUSINESS

A. Roll Call:

Members present: Chair of Committee Councilor Jennifer Cullum, Vice President of the Council, James Crocker Jr.; Councilor Frederick Chirigotis; Councilor Debra Dagwan, Member at Large, Deb Krau. **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Paul MacDonald; LT. J. Challies; SGT. J. Ellis, Barnstable Police; Mark S. Ells, Town Manager; Ruth Weil, Town Attorney, **ABSENT:** Councilor James Tinsley

Chair of the Committee Councilor Jennifer Cullum opened up the meeting at 6:05 with public comment, seeing none the Chair of the Committee closed Public comment; Chair of the Committee Councilor Jennifer Cullum introduced Town Manager Mark S. Ells for an update on the meeting he had with Special Deputy Jeffrey Perry regarding the Request for Proposal (RFP) was sent out, Town Manager Mark S. Ells made it clear that he would like to see the RFP sent out again except this time they send it out without the specific location of Hyannis on it. It is DCAM that issues the RFP so they agreed they would go back and make the formal request, as of this afternoon they had not heard back from DCAM. They also agreed that they would get together once a month to discuss issues related to Barnstable, and the programs they plan on introducing so that we are in the conversation and we are in the loop when these discussions take place so we are aware before it happens and not after.

There was a fair amount of discussions about the programs they offer and they had a lot of statistics regarding their programs and they were good statistics, that lead into a conversation involving the discussions they were having with the Duffy Health Center and the programs they have together, and Town Manager Ells asked why the town was not part of the discussions when they were going on and no reason why you're not there, other than you're not a service provider, that would be the only reason why, Town manager Mark S. Ells asked if it would be okay if our Police Chief, Paul MacDonald reached out to you to have this conversation I am having with you so that we can all be on the same page and have a positive dialog regarding the Town of Barnstable and the Village of Hyannis, they agreed they would also reach out to the Police Chief, and that the Police Chief could reach out to them also.

Police Chief Paul MacDonald said there is going to be a meeting on Monday January 23, 2017 at the Sheriff's Office where Sgt. Challies and SGT Ellis will be attending.

Town Manager Mark S. Ells said it was a very collegiate meeting and hopes to meet quarterly and they seem to be very open to that. They felt they worked with our police department well and had a number of connections with our service providers, so it was a very productive meeting.

Chair of the Committee Councilor Jennifer Cullum asked if Sheriff Cummings and Special Deputy Jeffrey Perry understood what the Police Chief said from our last meeting, and that was that Hyannis is closed and no more, do you think they understood and heard us? Town Manager Mark S. Ells stated that Sheriff Cummings was not there, however he believes that Special Deputy Jeffrey Perry understood and communicated that to him as well, Town Manager Ells believes that Special Deputy Jeffrey Perry understood from the last meeting as well as the one he had with him what the point of clarity was. Vice President James Crocker Jr. mentioned that just being invited to that meeting and to communicate on a quarterly basis is just what we were looking for, a voice at the table when it came to issues that dealt with Barnstable, and the Village of Hyannis. The more meetings the Town of Barnstable attends the more of a voice we will have and we will be closer to the issues moving forward. SGT. Ellis stated that they have been to a couple of the Crisis Intervention meetings and they have told us in these

meetings who is being released and where they are going and if they are reentering the community of Barnstable, but their program runs similar to the way the Catholic Social Services run from the St. Joseph's House. There are requirements and it seems to work for them as well.

Chair of the Committee asked about how many of these homes are there in Barnstable, SGT. Ellis did not know.

Chair of the Committee asked about the meeting that was held regarding the CBDG monies that couldn't be transferred or whatever the agreement was? Attorney Ruth Weil stated she will follow up on that issue and get back to the Committee regarding it. Attorney Ruth Weil will look into the specifics of the Grant and get guidance from the grant issuer and come to the next meeting with information.

Chair of the Committee asked about the renovations being done, and how can renovation work be done if the RFP has not been issued. Vice President James Crocker Jr. said you can ask to see the building permit for that location and asked about the different permits they have for work being done; if its plumbing then the plumbing inspector has to inspect it, same for wiring or any other kind of renovation. The Town Manager pulled the permits, and there was nothing pulled for a major modification, the permits pulled were for simple repairs, and also could have been done for the inspection of the RFP that was done and sent.

Deb Krau mentioned that the Duffy Center is going to manage the contract for the prisoner release program.

Chair of the Committee would like the Town manager to ask about the other service agencies on the Cape that are involved in the meetings they have, what other service agencies in the other Towns on the Cape are involved.

Chief Paul MacDonald asked who holds the grant of CBDG funding. Attorney Ruth Weil stated this particular grant came from Growth Management. Attorney Ruth Weil stated that the Champ Homes owns the 120 Yarmouth Road location, so if the Champ Homes applied for the grant for the Pilot House and now the Pilot House is fallen, doesn't the grant money get returned? The Change of Use has changed dramatically, if the funding was for homeless individuals, and now the funding is used for a prisoner release program, that is a different program. Attorney Ruth Weil will look into the specifics and get back to the Committee.

Councilor Chirigotis mentioned that most of the cost of these services is provided by the tax payers of the town because most of the services are nonprofit. Chair of the Committee would like to invite the Homeless Not Hopeless Inc. in so we can hear from them and the services they provide and the individuals they service, and hear about their program. Town Manager Mark S. Ells will look at the funding grant language as well and report back to the committee even if it is just an update and not a full report.

The Chair of the Committee asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes of December 1, 2016; Member at Large Deb Krau amended the meeting minutes to include Councilor James Tinsley as absent under the Committee Members instead of Other in Attendance. Councilor Frederick Chirigotis made the motion to accept the meeting minutes of December 1, 2016 as amended, Vice President James Crocker Jr. seconded the motion, all member present voted in favor of accepting the meeting minutes as amended. The Chair of the Committee asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes of December 19, 2016 as written, Councilor Frederick Chirigotis made the motion to accept the meeting minutes of December 19, 2016 as written, Vice President James Crocker Jr. seconded the motion, all members present voted in favor of accepting the meeting minutes of December 19, 2016 as written.

The Chair of the Committee asked for a motion to adjourn; Councilor Frederick Chirigotis made the motion to Adjourn; this was seconded by Vice President James Crocker Jr. All members voted in favor of adjournment.

ADJOURN: 7:11pm

NEXT MEETING: January 23, 2017, 2016 at 6pm Selectmen's Conference Room