



TOWN COUNCIL
Committee to Address Homelessness
in the Town of Barnstable
367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA
Selectmen's Conference Room
2nd floor, Selectmen's Conference Room

May 12, 2020

6:00pm

MEETING MINUTES

I. BUSINESS

A. Roll Call:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair of Committee Councilor Britt Beedenbender; Councilor Jennifer Cullum; Councilor Tracy Shaughnessy; Councilor Gordon Starr; Member at Large, Deb Krau; Councilor Debra Dagwan; Councilor Kristine Clark; **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Paul Hebert, President, Town Council; Assistant Town Manager Andrew Clyburn; Officer Michael Riley, Barnstable Police Community Services Division; SGT Eric Driftmeyer, Community Impact Unit, Barnstable Police; Chief Sonnabend, Barnstable Police; Chief Peter Burke, Hyannis Fire Department; Adam Burnett, CHAMP HOMES; Beth Albert, Director of Human Services, Regional Network on Homelessness; Sue Mazzarelli, Catholic Social Services, St. Joseph's House; Joe Taylor, incoming Executive Director of Veterans Outreach Services; Elizabeth Wurfbain, Director, Business Improvement District, Main Street Hyannis

Chair of the Committee opened the meeting up at 6:05pm, with the following statement:

In Accordance with MGL, Chapter 30A, Section 20, I must inquire whether anyone is recording this meeting and if so, to please make your presence known;

Chair of the Committee asked if there was anyone from the Public for Public Comment

Elizabeth Wurfbain, Hyannis Business Improvement District, has concerns about the amount of Homeless that are on Main Street currently and if we are doing anything to curb the behavior or if there is anything we can do.

Committee response to Public comment:

Councilor Cullum noticed a lot more individuals on Main Street as she walks it about 2 times a day, but we need to remember there isn't anything going on during the COVID-19 stay at home orders, and if it was busy there wouldn't be so much visibility of the homeless, there isn't anything to do or anywhere to go, but as things open up and activity starts again this will change as it did in prior years.

<http://streaming85.townofbarnstable.us/CablecastPublicSite/show/8956?channel=1>
(at 5:18 into the recording are Councilor Cullum's comments)

Chair of the Committee asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes of February 25, 2020 as written, Councilor Cullum, this was seconded by Councilor Gordon Starr, all member voted in favor by Roll Call Vote to approve the meeting minutes of February 25, 2020

Councilor Britt Beedenbender yes

Councilor Jen Cullum	yes
Councilor Debra Dagwan	yes
Councilor Gordon Starr	yes
Councilor Tracy Shaughnessy	yes
At Large Member: Deb Krau	yes

Chair of Committee Councilor Beedenbender discussed the progress so far.

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(at 8:18 into the recording Councilor Beedenbender discussed the amount of work that has gone into helping the most vulnerable of our Community and the collaboration of all involved has been amazing. There have been numerous phone calls made and connections made, so she wanted to thank everyone with who she has spoken to)

Chair of Committee, Councilor Beedenbender introduced Ms. Albert

Beth Albert - Regional Network on Homelessness – COVID-19 response

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(at 11:54 into the recording Ms. Albert echos Councilor Beedenbenders comments about the amount of collaboration between the service agencies during COVID-19 and the response to help those that needed help.

Sue Mazzarelli from Catholic Social Services; St. Josephs Homeless Shelter

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(at 17:19 into the recording Ms. Mazzarelli described how in late March when Covid-19 was here, there wasn't any instructions or protocol from the state on how to handle our clients in the shelters, St. Joseph's had one patient that was showing symptoms of having COVID-19, so we had to send them to the hospital, but did not qualify at the time for the testing criteria, so unfortunately he was discharged and sent home with papers saying they needed to quarantine for 14 days, homeless individuals have no home, so they came back to the shelter, but unfortunately all we could do was give the individual more blankets and sent him away until we could gather resources to have them quarantine somewhere away from the other clients, so it has been challenging)

Councilor Tracy Shaughnessy commented on the work being done on this Committee

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(at 21:36 into the recording Councilor Shaunessy thanked both Councilor Cullum and Councilor Beedenbender for all the work they have done on this Committee and also for all the help being provided to these individuals, as she is a neighbor on Winter Street to St. Joseph's House, and asked if there was anything the neighbors can do in the Community to help this population)

SGT Eric Driftmeyer, Community Impact Unit, Barnstable Police, Update from Boots on the ground – CIU and Hyannis Fire Department

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(at 34:55 SGT Driftmyer gave his update from the street views of the Community Impact Unit (CIU)

Meal distribution became a challenge as the COVID-19 hit, but the organizations that served before continued, and there were restaurants that participated in this as well)

Assistant Town Manager addressed the meal challenges the police were facing.

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(at 50:21 into the recording Assistant Town Manager thanked the Barnstable Police Department CIU for all they are doing for this population, there is so much more that is being done that you don't hear about. They are on the front lines daily, we hear the complaints and we hear you. We also hear Elizabeth Wurfbain, and we will make changes as we begin to open up Main Street in the next coming weeks, we are there to support the police in anyway we can.)

Officer Riley from the Community Impact Unit

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(at 51:50 into the recording Officer Riley from the street views of the Community Impact Unit (CIU spoke about the delivery locations and times for food drop off)

Officer Riley spoke about having a conversation with Sandy Gifford on the current bus routes that deliver the food, and if there needs to be a route change or location, he will work with her to accomplish this

Councilor Cullum suggested moving one of the locations of food pick up to the Duffy Health Center

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(at 52:57 Councilor Cullum discussed possibly making Duffy a stop for the food drop off and pick up so that if an individual needs service or an appointment or anything from Duffy, they are there getting their food, so possibly a connection with Social Services as well, it would bring them to Duffy instead of trying to capture them somewhere else)

Chief Burke, Hyannis Fire

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(at 1:02:34 into the recording Chief Burke gave his update regarding COVID-19 and the efforts of his department and wanted to echo how challenging it has been for the first responders)

Chair of Committee asked for a motion to adjourn, Councilor Cullum made the motion to adjourn, Councilor Dagwan seconded the motion, a roll call vote was taken

Councilor Britt Beedenbender	yes
Councilor Jen Cullum	yes
Councilor Debra Dagwan	yes
Councilor Gordon Starr	yes
Councilor Tracy Shaughnessy	yes
At Large Member: Deb Krau	yes

II. ADJOURN: 6:59pm

NEXT MEETING: 06/23/2020