

Montpelier Homelessness Committee
Draft Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2026

Attendance: Zack Hughes Chair, Sophie Lewis, Marty Roberts, Nolan Carver

City Council Reps: Jim Sheriden

City Staff: Matt Jelacic

1. Introductions:

- a. Zack opened the meeting and reviewed the agenda. There is not a quorum, therefore the agenda and last meeting's minutes cannot be voted on.

2. Budget

- a. The Council has agreed that \$5000 of the \$10,000 allocated for homelessness support can be used to support outreach workers' expenses

3. Street Outreach

- a. The weather prediction for the weekend is for bitter cold. There is concern about individuals who cannot stay at the current available shelters. Zack has been working to get a family someplace to stay. The shelter at City Hall has been opened, however they are looking for additional volunteers.
- b. Zack updated the group on two bills he is currently tracking, H91 and H594. One bills has to do with compelling people to get help under certain circumstances and one is a bill to address how unhoused individuals can be returned to their home state. He will keep the group posted.

4. Indoor Space and "Approved" Camping Space

- a. The City has not yet designated a space for people to camp without the risk of having everything cleared. Once the new Mayor and Council are seated this will be raised again.
- b. The need for a permanent indoor space is still critical. There are empty buildings that may possibly be used, however additional research needs to be done, and funding needs to be identified. This will continue to be discussed.

5. Meeting Day/Time

- a. Sophie reviewed the responses to the meeting day/time survey. Zack will send the survey to people who have not responded, and Sophie will keep Zack updated on surveys as they are returned.

6. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 12:20