

Montpelier Homelessness Committee

July 2, 2026

Present:

Zachary Hughes, Dawn Little, Marty Roberts, Lee Wiltshaq: Committee members

Jim Sheridan, Cary Brown: City Council

Matt Jelicec: Planning Council

Peer Kelman, Stephen Whittaker: Public

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 pm.

Jim is chairing the meeting in Zack's absence.

Discussion about the difficulty in getting a quorum.t.

Discussion about the proposal by the Cold Weather Committee (Beth Ann Maier, Rick DeAngelis and Ken Russell)

Zack moved that this proposal be brought to the City Council for their consideration, details to be worked out.

Motion seconded, passed 4 – 0.

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 18 meeting made by Marty, Dawn seconded, passed 4 – 0.

Public comment by Peter Kelman about looking at other components of the plan, including accommodations for people with disabilities.

Steve Whittaker raised issues about hygiene.

Dawn brought up the issue of the difficulties of people being evicted from camping space on weekends: buses not running, people not available to help. Also difficulty of being evicted in extreme weather.

Most unhoused people have medical and trauma issues.

Dawn moved that we make a recommendation to the City Council that people not be moved on weekends or in extreme weather.

Lee seconded. Vote 4 – 0.

Dawn is planning to go around with Kelly to look at sites for picnic tables. Lee offered to help.

Discussion about the Transit Center – the City Council should seriously consider the uses of the Transit Center, which they own.

There is a question about the legality of removing people from public property.

Matt said that an MOU s being worked out with Kelly. He will send this to Zack. A zoning permit will have to be issued

Cary: Home Farm Way : there is a conservation easement

Motion to end the meeting. Seconded, unanimous vote.

Signed: Martha Roberts