

Sprinkler Variance Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
10/14/2020

**Good Samaritan Haven 64 State St**

**Attendees:**

Rick DeAngelis, Mark LaRouche; GSH, Robert Gowans; Fire Chief, Dan Richardson and Lauren Hierl; City Counsel, Jeff Stetter, Cameron Niedermayer; Assistant City Manager, Chris Lumbra; Building Inspector

Mr. Lumbra provided introduction and overview of the sprinkler ordinance and variance request.

- Sprinkler is required by Montpelier ordinance and VT life safety code.
- A second variance will be required from VT Division of Fire Safety.

Mr. DeAngelis provided an overview of planned GSH shelter use for the building:

- GSH is anticipating a need for overflow shelter space this winter.
- The shelter capacity will be 8-16 individuals.
- The first floor will be filled before using the second floor.
- A GSH staffer will be on site and awake when the shelter is in use.

Mr. DeAngelis described the fire and life safety features of the project:

- The facility will be monitored by a full time staff member who will be awake at all times. This person will serve as a fire watch.
- Both floors have two means of egress, with one egress from each floor leading directly outdoors.
- A wireless interconnected smoke and carbon monoxide alarm system will be installed to provide early notification of fires or elevated CO levels.
- The occupancy load will be relatively low.
- Exit markings will be enhanced.
- Combustible storage and curtains will be removed from the stage.
- The kitchen will be locked against access.

Chief Gowans and Inspector Lumbra stated that they both supported the request. Counsellor Hierl moved to approve the request and Counsellor Richardson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous to approve the variance request.

