

MINUTES

9/5/2024 Mayoral Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness Meeting

Attended: Dave Bilodeau (co-chair), City Councilor Tim Cowan (co-chair), Peter Floyd, Bill Lowenstein, Bruce Noddin, George Sheats,

Absent: Sasha Anastasoff, Jennifer Edwards, City Councilor Belinda Gerry, Bonnie Hayes, Marianne Veilleux

Meeting called to order at 6:10

General Meeting Notes:

- Minutes for 8/1/24 meeting. Bill L. made motion to accept minutes meeting; Dave B. seconded the motion. All others attending approved minutes; motion passed.
- Discussed Rally for Recovery event.
 - Auburn Ad-Hoc Committee on Homelessness has a booth.
 - Email reminder to Jeff Harmon about speech.
 - Event is 12-3:00; arrive 10:30 to set up table.
 - Cloth- City of Auburn- ask Jennifer.
 - Dave has 2 boxes of hygiene kits
 - Information about 121 Mill Street- be prepared to discuss with attendees
- Dave provided update on efforts of Lewiston's Shelter Committee. Making progress with plans for a shelter (longer-term) and drop-in center (this winter).
 - Current plan for warming center, starting November.
 - Goal shelter is ready to open in September 2025.
 - Bill- mentioned idea- if there is a fundraiser on October 25, could we get money for the shelter.
- Discussion- State has extra \$1.5 million available from Recovery Council for Androscoggin County.
 - Recovery Community Center- #1 need.
 - Additional staffing- recovery coaches; Certified intentional peer support; community health worker.
 - Ask Mayor Harmon for letter of support for proposal.
- Discussion about report- Recommendations discussed:

Next meeting- September 19.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm