

**Supportive Housing Issues Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2025**

Attendees:

Committee Members

John Barmby
Adam Buczkowski
Linda Dennis
Tammy Hardy-Kesler
Janet Laws
Sharon Pitcher
Dennis Winzenreid
Eddie Wise

Town Staff

Gene Dvornick

Public

Judy Lawson
Kim R.
Pat Gordon
Judy Hill
Sunny Gyani

Call to Order:

The Meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM

Review of Information:

A. Relevant Town Codes

During conversation of Town Codes and recommendations of the 2013 Transitional Housing Task Force it was noted by Dennis Winzenreid that many current codes and previous recommendations are inconsistent with the language in Delaware HS Number 1 for HB 114.

It was noted the need to create a definition for a facility such as the Pallet Houses as this type of facility was not defined during the 2013 Task Force.

Tammy Hardy-Kesler commented a need to set up an oversight of supportive housing rather than relying on operators to not deviate from their initial licensing requirements of the

town after approval. She believes this is something that the committee should structure and make a recommendation to the town council on.

B: Housing Continuum

Eddie Wise brought up a concern of a lack of housing for people after completing their recovery program. This was a concern shared by Dennis Winzenreid who stated we needed a good mix of housing solutions. Discussion ensued about the different types of housing needed for those with substance abuse problems, victims of domestic abuse and families with children experiencing housing issues.

Linda Dennis questioned the mix of non profit and for profit facilities and the effect on tax revenue for the town.

C. Recovery Residence Levels of Service

By unanimous consent this agenda item was postponed until our next meeting when Andrew Thurn would be able to attend due to his expertise in the area.

Review of Support Agencies and Service Providers

Provided a packet by Gene Dvornick on the services provided at the Thurman Adams State Service center. Also provided was a comprehensive list of 44 service providers within the town of Georgetown.

It was recommended to Gene Dvornick to invite an individual from the Thurman Adams State Service Center as well as other local organizations such as Love Inc, and Delmarva Teen Challenge.

Review of Supportive Housing

Eight copies of a map of Georgetown showing the location of 39 supportive houses within town limits were distributed to the members of the committee for review. These copies were all returned to Gene Dvornick after review by the committee.

Adam Buczkowski requested a comparison of similar sized towns, specifically Seaford and Laurel's amount of supportive housing.

It was advised by Gene Dvornick that Oxford Homes and Serenity House locations can be found on their respective websites. Christian Grace locations are advertised in the local newspaper.

Reviewed locations of Section 8 (HUD) housing within the town.

Open Discussion

Eddie Wise spoke of contacting the railroad about issues of trespass and littering.

Multiple members of the committee talked about using existing town correspondence, i.e. the electronic billboard and newsletter accompanying utility bills to offer advice on not providing money to pan handlers.

Janet Laws spoke of the benefits of attending the General Assembly.

Tammy Hardy-Kesler spoke of being mindful of social media presence and comments at council meetings.

Multiple committee members requested Kim Wills to be contacted to attend a future meeting of the committee. Members believed her suggestions at the 10/13/2025 Town Council meeting to be very helpful.

Other discussions included the town building on SB 51 and the banning of single-service plastic implements and polystyrene containers within town limits with minimal to no exceptions. Possible regulations around sleeping outdoors within town limits were also discussed.

Schedule Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 4:00 PM, Town Hall

Public Comment

Sunny Gyani commented on a recent visit to the area known as ‘tent city’ with the owners of the property. He also spoke of his decades of experience in affordable housing.

Judy Lawson spoke of videos depicting people exiting vehicles entering the woods on North Bedford St

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Eddie Wise at 6:30 PM, motion was seconded by Dennis Winzenreid. Motion passed with unanimous consent.