

**Supportive Housing Issues Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2025**

Attendees:

Committee Members

John Barmby
Adam Buczkowski
Linda Dennis
Tammy Hardy-Kesler
Janet Laws
Sharon Pitcher
Dennis Winzenried
Andre Thurn
Trish Hill

Town Staff

Gene Dvornick

Public

Paula Wolford
Laura Goepfert
Scott Karl Meadd
Tara McGown
Michael W. Martelli
Romuius Winchester
Dave Rehm
John Wanner

Call to Order:

The Meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2025

Motion made by Dennis Winzeried and seconded by Janet Laws. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2025

Tammy Hardy-Kesler requested further language of her comments from the minutes and it was noted an adjournment motion was not present on the minutes. Pending these changes the motion to approve was made by John Barmby and seconded by Janet Laws. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Presentation – Delaware Health and Social Services, Emergency Assistance Service (EAS)

Paula Wolford and Laura Goepfert from the Thurman Adams State Service Center provided the committee with a packet and presentation on the services provided in regard to Emergency Assistance. These included programs that would assist in emergency automobile repairs, funds for rent/mortgage and vouchers for housing at hotel/motels as well as consultation and advisory services. Qualifying factors for these programs and a maximum benefit amount were also outlined during the presentation. Explained during this presentation was policy for (EAS) that comes from both the state and federal level. Paula and Laura both provided answers to multiple questions asked by committee members.

Supportive Housing Registration – Review of Code Sections 230-248 and 230-249

Received copies of the Town of Georgetown's Supportive Housing Registration Form from Gene Dvornick. Reviewed town codes 230-248 and 230-249. Support was strong for keeping the 500 ft boundary of Supportive Housing being away from another Supportive Housing unit. A request was put forward by Andrew Thurn to remove the "sober house" from the Supportive Housing Registration form.

Property Taxes Collected from Supportive Housing

The committee was given a list of the tax status of the 38 Supportive Housing units in the town, listing owners of the 6 properties in town that are non-profit, making up 16% while tax paying residences make up 84%. This list was provided to the committee by Gene Dvornick.

Discussion Items

Received and reviewed the 6 page Georgetown Perspectives Housing Challenges – May 21, 2025 from Gene Dvornick. A motion was made by Dennis Winzenried to invite Representative Valorie Jones Giltner and Senator Brian Pettyjohn to the next committee meeting, Sharon Pitcher seconded the motion. Received the 26 page copy of DSHA's Affordable Housing Production Task Force Final Report.

Open Discussion

The majority of open discussion was on the committee's focus and whether it was on simply Supportive Housing or Supportive Housing and Homelessness. There seemed to be a consensus that the two are not easily separable as one leads to the other.

Schedule the Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 4:00 PM, Town Hall

Public Comment

John Wanner and Scott Meadd spoke in favor of smaller square foot homes, the difficulty in finding housing after exiting Supportive Housing and the benefit of the Recovery House on N. Bedford St.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:39 PM by Adam Buczkowski, seconded by Andrew Thurn. Motion passed with unanimous consent.