

**Supportive Housing Issues Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
March 2, 2026**

**Attendees:**

<b><u>Committee Members</u></b>	<b><u>Town Staff</u></b>	<b><u>Public</u></b>
John Barmby	Gene Dvornick	Delores Clark
Adam Buczkowski (Absent)		Tony Neal
Linda Dennis		Darryl West
Tammy Hardy-Kesler		Margaret Neal
Trish Hill (Absent)		Sissy Ricketts
Janet Laws		
Sharon Pitcher		
Andrew Thurn (Absent)		
Dennis Winzenried		
Eddie Wise (Absent)		

**Call to Order:**

The Meeting was called to order at 4:04 PM

**Approval of the Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2026:**

***Motion: Dennis Winzenried; Second: Sharon Pitcher to approve the minutes as presented – Motion Carried (unanimous)***

**Service Provider Presentations:**

- A. Everlasting Hope Ministries
  - Presentation by Tony Neal and Darryl West
  - Incarcerated men & women
  - Focus areas
    - returning to the community
    - clean and sober
    - coping skills, life skills, and expungement
  - Treatment first, then housing
  - Awareness of drugs and the issues they cause
  - Cooperation, collaboration, and teamwork (with other agencies)
  - Places individuals
    - use of local shelters
    - shelter for sex offenders
  - Needs:
    - first 24-72 hours are critical
    - more shelter (especially overnight)

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B. The Shepherd's Office

- Email invitation to present sent on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 3:15 PM
- Reply received, "*The Shepherd's Office will not be available to make a presentation.*" on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 8:18 PM

C. The Way Home

- Presentation by Delores Clark
- Focus is incarceration to community
- Scheduled Release Date Call(s) with DOC
  - Clarified questions regarding the lack of pre-release planning from SCI
  - Monthly phone collaboration is held with prison staff and that there is coordinated efforts to plan for the needs of releasees
- Vital Care Health Services
  - Engaged 6 months prior to release
- Coordinate:
  - Transportation
  - EBT card
  - Housing, mental health, medical care
  - Job interviews
- Work with other NP organizations – i.e., Everlasting Hope Ministries
- Needs to be more collaboration between providers to enhance the probability of success for shared clients

**Review of Submitted Recommendations:**

Gene Dvornick provided a handout of the submitted recommendations – grouped into 9 broad categories. It was requested that the handout be sent to all committee members with a request to take some time to review them, assign a priority (*high, medium, low*), and select the level of government (*town, county, state*) responsible for the action. This will then be discussed at the next committee meeting.

**Open Discussion:**

Sissy Ricketts shared her experience with Everlasting Hope Ministries and the positive impact on her life.

Based on discussion, there were a few suggestions:

- Calling for a community partners meeting (all service entities) to identify how each impacts/serves individual
- Based on presentations to date, it appears there is significant overlap between service providers
- Focus on improving efficiencies
- Kill the individual organization silos

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- Creation of a 15 to 20 bed, with meal preparation, and overnight shelter would help alleviate some system stressors

**Scheduling the Next Meeting:**

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 30, 2026, at 4:00 PM, Town Hall

**Public Comment:**

There was no other public comment, most was covered during other agenda item discussion.

**Adjourn:**

***Motion: Dennis Winzenried; Second: Janet Laws to adjourn at 5:49 PM – Motion Carried (unanimous)***