

## Public Safety Committee minutes

Committee met 11/13/2025

Members present: Alderman Donahue, Gillam, Whitcomb, McClure and Chair Davis

Others present; President Allaire, Alderman Talbott, Cupoli, Tadio, Chris Louras Rutland City Homeless response team and Russell Flaherty.

Meeting began at 5:30 pm

Topic: Vermont Extreme Cold weather shelter program

Chris Louras gave a synopsis of the proposed program to be held at the Rutland Free Library in the Nellie Fox room.

The state will control when the shelter opens and full reimbursement of cost will be made to the city.

It is estimated to be open 20 nights between the hours of 6:30pm until 8am. It is triggered by temperature of 10 below wind chills will play a factor. 4 staff members will be on duty. Staffing will include the police departments community resources and professionals from Rutland Mental health. Other sites were investigated but were not available or met the needs.

All are welcome on a first come first serve basis, no animals will be allowed.

Motion to approve the formal agreement between VIA, the State and the city of Rutland and approved the budgetary expense that will be fully reimbursed and I so move.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis Chair