

Hope Coalition Minutes  
January 6, 2025- 6pm  
297 Vine St  
Berlin VT

Meeting Started 6pm.

ITDRC- Technology items on loan from ITDRC have been returned and receipt verified.

One case from 2023 to have finished plumbing work completed this month when the mission team comes in from South NH. This will complete 2023 cases.

Most 2024 cases have been completed. Down to a handful of cases -some are excavation projects.

The Mission House at Plainfield is able to house up to 18 people. Work is moving forward to allow full capacity occupancy. This will be available for disaster teams, mission teams, and other Faith based teams as availability allows.

MDS may send full teams in the spring, if needed with an additional 20-28 person team from World Renew. Goddard may offer space to host workers for Plainfield renewal projects. Plainfield has 26 homes up for buyout with 25 already past the first round qualification paperwork. There is talk of developing the Cow Pasture for  $\frac{1}{8}=\frac{1}{4}$  lots -5 lots 5 homes Also some possible land off the back-side of the Goddard campus to develop with a manufactured home development or small homes.

MDS may assist with home building projects—however these projects would require infrastructure to already be in place so may not be hammer ready until 2026.

Hope Coalition may participate with volunteer labor and materials. Estimate for a stick built single family home is \$130,000. Per home.

Discussion revealed other local LTRGs are in a similar position discounting total rebuilding and excavation/bridge repair work. There is still work to do in the Northeast Kingdom and Southern Vermont. These locations may go well into 2026. Volunteers may be able to assist with decking jobs on bridges. Funding for some of the high value long term projects may be problematic with the added infrastructure and permitting requirements.

Meeting adjourned at 830pm