

**CITY OF BARRE
PUBLIC BODY MEETING MINUTES**

Committee/board/task force: Barre Unhoused Community Committee

Date of meeting: August 20, 2025, meeting convened at 5:06

Location of meeting: Downstreet Community Room

Members in attendance: Dan Barlow, Anne Merrill, Kathi Partlow, Beth Mueller

Members absent: Osa Busch

Others in attendance: Jeremy Anderson, Berne Rose, Tess Taylor, Brooke Pouliot, Sonya Spaulding

Topic(s) Discussed (use additional sheets as necessary):

-Committee meeting logistics

DB (who chaired the meeting) explained that from here on out, the committee and advisors will sit at one table and public will set at a separate table. Public is welcome to speak during public comment, and also by raising a hand and being recognized during the meeting.

-Approval of minutes

KP moved, BM second. Motion passed

-Discussion of sanctioned camping tabled for this month due to OB absence.

-Lockers for folks sleeping rough

Montpelier has some that are currently not being used. DB contacted asst. City Manager to see about the possibility of our using them, has not heard back.

BP to follow up.

-Public after hours places to charge phones.

There was a brief discussion. BM to follow up on survey of where in Barre spots are currently available.

-Current hotel stay policy

KP brought us up to speed on it. Qualifying folks are entitled to 80 days in a rolling year. Dec.1- Mar. 31 do not count against those days.

VIA is planning statewide shelters for extreme cold weather this year. The Good Samaritan system is planning a new shelter for Montpelier. There is no funding for street outreach this year.

-Middlebury Sanctioned Camping Policy

DB recapped for us. BM to follow up with Middlebury to find out what their experience has been. BP pointed out that there is zero tolerance for camping in Barre City.

-Portable Toilets for unhoused folks in Barre

TT reported that unfortunately both portable toilets have been removed. One was removed due to neighborhood complaints and the other was pulled by the provider due to misuse.

Upcoming events of interest:

September 24 5:30 PM screening of Join or Die at the Aldrich Public Library.
September 25 5:30 PM book study of the book Evicted also at the Aldrich

Action items (use additional sheets as necessary):

- Follow up on lockers (BP)
- Follow up on phone charging locations (BM)
- Follow up with Middlebury re sanctioned camping (BM)

Meeting adjournment

Moved by AM and seconded KP

Time: 5:57

Next meeting date/time/location: September 17 5 PM at Downstreet Community Room 22 Keith Avenue, Barre

Person filing minutes:

Beth Mueller