

**CITY OF BARRE
PUBLIC BODY MEETING MINUTES**

Committee/board/task force: Unhoused Community Committee

Date of meeting: July 16, 2025 5PM

Location of meeting: Downstreet Community Room

Members in attendance: Osa Busch, Kathi Partlow, Beth Mueller, Dan Barlow

Members absent: Anne Merrill

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

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

Much discussion about strategies to cope with folks being evicted from the State Motel program.

Sites available to help with moderating heat exposure:

Salvation Army Mon-Thurs: 9:30-2:30 open for cooling, and also snacks and drinks.

Aldrich Library for cooling M-F: 11-6, Sa: 10-2

Peoples Health and Wellness is handing out cold water

Speranza Inn also has water available

Good Shepherd serving breakfast Mon 8-9:30

Enough Ministries serving lunch Tues/Thurs: noon

Good Shepherd serving lunch Wed: noon

Much discussion about coordinating efforts across churches and agencies. TT explained that her all encompassing regular group meetings exist to do that. Having a sanctioned camping area was briefly discussed. DB pointed out many of the hurdles to making that a reality.

Need for storage units for unhoused folks was discussed. DB suggested checking salvage stores.

Action items (use additional sheets as necessary):

Plan to gather data for presentation to City Council on unhoused in our area, and the length of wait time to access case management.

Meeting adjournment
Meeting was adjourned 6:05
KP move OB second

Next meeting date/time/location: Downstreet August 20, 5PM

Person filing minutes: Beth Mueller