

**CITY OF BARRE
PUBLIC BODY MEETING MINUTES**

Committee/board/task force: Barre Unhoused Community Committee

Date of meeting: October 15, 2025, meeting convened at 5:03

Location of meeting: Downstreet Community Room

Members in attendance: Anne Merrill, Kathi Partlow, Beth Mueller, Osa Busch

Members absent: Dan Barlow

Others in attendance: Tess Taylor, Sonya Spaulding

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

-Approval of minutes

AM moved, KP second. Motion passed

-Status of Winter Overflow Shelters

TT summarized for us what we will be available:

M-F 7-10 AM warming site at Church of the Good shepherd

M-S Aldrich Library is available during their open hours

A grant has been applied for to fund an extreme cold weather overnight Shelter hosted at the Barre Congregational Church with staffing coordinated by Good Shepherd.

-Discussion of status of folks sleeping rough

OB summarized the situation for us:

Montpelier 45, Berlin 32, Barre City 40, Northfield 4, S. Barre 2, E.

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-Potential action items for committee

KP guided a discussion of potential projects that our committee could take on. OB suggested hosting a public forum where ways of helping the unhoused in Barre could be shared with the general public. Questions could also be answered and general awareness raised. KP suggested collecting lightly used goods that could help those sleeping outside through the winter, list to be compiled.

-Public after hours places to charge phones.

BM shared results of polling local non-profits and the City. There is an outlet behind Good Shepherd that can be used.

-Middlebury Sanctioned Camping Policy

BM shared her conversation with the Middlebury Town Manager and talked about the compassionate manner in which Middlebury deals with encampments.

Upcoming events of interest:

October 23 at noon, Homelessness Summit Lunch, Aldrich Public Library, webinar at 11.

Action items (use additional sheets as necessary):

-Follow up on used goods collection (whole committee)

Meeting adjournment

Moved by KP and seconded OB

Time: 5:57

Next meeting date/time/location: November 19 5 PM at Downstreet Community Room 22 Keith Avenue, Barre

Person filing minutes:

Beth Mueller