

**CITY OF BARRE
PUBLIC BODY MEETING MINUTES**

Committee/board/task force: Unhoused Community Committee

Date of meeting: February 18, 2026

Location of meeting: Downstreet Community room

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

Members absent: Dan Barlow, Anne Merrill

Others in attendance: Zach Hughes, Brooke Pouliot, Nolan Carver, Jim Sheridan, Tess Taylor

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

There was no public comment.

Minutes from January 21 were approved as submitted.

We have several ongoing initiatives, one of which is obtaining outdoor lockers for folks to be able to store their belongings. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Zine update: The first one that BM put together is a good format, but needs some editing. The consensus was that it holds potential for comms.

ZH from the Montpelier Homelessness Committee updated us on what is happening with their committee. Their big initiative for them now is pursuing a camping policy for the summer months. They meet twice a month and we will keep in touch re camping policies in our respective towns. Their extreme cold weather shelters are functioning well, although still an ongoing problem with substance use.

TT reported in on the Barre extreme cold weather shelter. Things are going well. Challenges are volunteer staffing and substance use. They are working on updates to guidelines.

KP reported in on the Speranza, which is running well, with the exception of isolated behavioral issues.

OB reported in that folks are continuing to camp through the frigid weather. They have developed a system to beef up insulation for the campers' tents.

Action items (use additional sheets as necessary):

**Follow up on gathering camping equipment and working with ReSource.
Reach out to our local reps to get updates on legislation impacting unhoused folks.**

Meeting adjournment

Time: 5:48

**Next meeting date/time/location:
Downstreet Community Room March 18 5PM**

**Person filing minutes:
Beth Mueller**