

**CITY OF BARRE
PUBLIC BODY MEETING MINUTES**

Committee/board/task force: Unhoused Community Committee

Date of meeting: March 18, 2026

Location of meeting: Downstreet Community room

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

Members absent: Anne Merrill

Others in attendance: Rep. Teddy Waszazak, Sen. Andrew Perchlik, Tess Taylor, Brooke Pouliot

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

There was no public comment.

Minutes from Feb. 18 were approved as submitted.

We were joined at our meeting by 2 members of our state legislative team, Rep. Teddy Waszazak and Sen. Andrew Perchlik.

Teddy kicked off the meeting by discussing the House Human Services Committee bills dealing with homelessness, primarily H.594. He recapped where things were at as of that moment and emphasized that all was still in flux, however with bipartisan sponsorship he felt it had a good chance of passing. He then touched briefly on other potential bills including one to enact a “wealth tax”.

Sen. Perchlik noted that there might be the opportunity for a statement from our committee to be read into the record once the bill moves over to the Senate.

KP and DB to follow up on this.

KP brought up the idea of inviting the legislators to Barre once the session ends to tour our different facilities and see what we are doing to support folks who are unhoused.

OB spoke to the need for camping goods due to the cold weather exception ending on April 1. They expect 24-26 households will be exited from the hotel

program at that time. Good Sam has 2 new people coordinating intake of donations. More info to follow.

Capstone overnight shelter in Montpelier will also be closing soon. No exact date was known.

DB to continue following up with Montpelier city officials to find out about potentially acquiring their outdoor lockers.

KP asked if it would be possible to do a fully remote meeting. TT to follow up.

Action items (use additional sheets as necessary):

Follow up on whether our committee can submit a statement to the Sen. Health and Welfare committee as a City committee and if so, KP and DB to write it.

Gather support data for our statement.

Keep in touch with legislators for updates.

DB to follow up on locker situation.

TT to follow up on feasibility of totally remote meetings for the committee.

Meeting adjournment

Time: 5:51

**Next meeting date/time/location:
Downstreet Community Room April 15 5PM**

**Person filing minutes:
Beth Mueller**