

**CITY OF BARRE  
PUBLIC BODY MEETING MINUTES**

**Committee/board/task force: Unhoused Community Committee**

**Date of meeting: February 19, 2025**

**Location of meeting: Public Safety Building**

**Members in attendance: Anne Merrill, Osa Busch, Kathi Partlow, Beth Mueller, Dan Barlow.**

**Members absent: none**

**Others in attendance: Also in attendance were Brooke Pouliot, Tess Taylor and Steve Finner**

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

**Mission Statement:** It was discussed thoroughly. Dan B to edit and send around for final approval.

**Plan to liaise with Montpelier Unhoused task force:** Plan is to have an extended March 19 meeting and invite Montpelier task force to join us for the second half. Tess T to follow up with the Montpelier chair to work out details.

**Spring Public Forum:** It was decided to move it to the early Fall and work between now and then to line up speakers and develop a clear message.

**Morning Warming Center at Good Shepherd:** Tess T gave us an update. All is going well. Three separate pop up overnight shelters have also been held at GS, along with one at the Aud as protection during the extreme cold. All went well.

**Update from Osa:** Osa gave us an update on folks sleeping rough and aid they have extended during our last round of snow and cold.

**Discussion on Barre Free Meals:** There was a brief discussion of community meals currently available in Barre.

**Monitoring Legislature:** We plan to be in touch with our legislators and Kathi P also suggested subscribing to HHAV listserv for updates.

**Comms Plan:** There was a discussion of plans (discussed prior to the meeting by Dan B and Beth M) to communicate out information on the UCC and also information to the unhoused community. This is to include a Social Media presence and also regular opinion pieces to the local media. Plans are ongoing and will also feed into the Fall forum.

**Action items (use additional sheets as necessary):**

- 1) Motion: Acceptance of January 15 minutes  
Mover/Seconder: Dan b move, Kathi P second  
Passed unanimously

**Meeting adjournment**

Mover/Seconder: Beth M move, and Dan B second  
Passed unanimously

Time: 6:15 PM

Next meeting date/time/location (if known): February 19, 2025, 5PM, Public Safety Building

Person filing minutes: Beth Mueller