

Montpelier Homelessness Committee

19 March 2026 at 2:00pm – Zoom Only

Present: Zack Hughes, chair; Nolan Carver; Dawn Little; Marty Roberts; Jim Sheridan and Cary Brown, City Council; Matt Jelacic, City Staff

Review and Approve Agenda

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No quorum

Agenda and minutes: no vote

Public Comment

City Council Representatives- Update

Follow-up on Council meeting items from 3-11-26

Jim will bring to the City Council our proposal to change the number of members of the Committee from 9 to 7 with 2 alternates and will ask the City to speak to a lawyer about the City's liability for anyone camping on City property.

The police department says that there are more unhoused people coming into the City - not certain if they are new to the area. The numbers are in the weekly police report.

Cary said that the City needs to decide on a charge to the Committee. A draft has been presented. The current charge includes data-gathering as a task for the Committee. She does not see this as a role for the Committee.

However the Committee might provide recommendations or respond to ad hoc requests from the City.

Matt will create a memo for the City Council about liability for a designated area.

We could review the camping policy. It should include about all camping, not just camping by unhoused people.

Dawn said that the number of areas designated as sensitive by the city has increased.

Clarification is needed about what police can ask for from unhoused people.

Updates

Outreach: Dawn and Zack report an increase in transportation requests.

Jim, Zack and Nolan went to the Barre Homelessness Committee meeting.

Can we get a schedule for the Barre meetings? Zack will send out a notice.

New meeting time:

the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 2:00 to 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Roberts