

**Recreation Board Meeting of Wednesday
March 4, 2009
Barre Town Municipal Office, Websterville, Vt**

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Board Members Present at the Meeting:

Tanya Pelletier
Bob Comolli
Phil Acebo
Jon VanGuilder
Linda Mercy

Guests: Carl Rogers, Kelli Houston and Don Gainey

1. Meeting called to order 6:40 pm...
2. Approve minutes of the February 4, 2009 meeting. Motion to accept by Jon Van Guilder, seconded by Phil Acebo...all in favor..Minutes approved.
 - Discussion. Tanya asked if the name of the park was correct as "Hersey Park"..or should it be "Hershey Park"...Program between the City of Barre and Town of Barre for the summer. The correct name should be "Hershey Park"...and is corrected.

- The date of the Jump Rope Show to be held at Barre Town School should be March 12 at 6pm...as incorrectly stated in the 2/4/09 minutes.
- 3. Guests – Guests as stated above.
- 4. Review budget report. Bob Comolli confirmed with Carl Rogers no changes since discussed in the February 4, 2009 minutes.
- 5. Approve use of facilities (if needed). Cass Bressette “Freezing Fun for Families” to be held the weekend of March 6,7,8, 2009. Permission has been granted for overflow parking at the old Bombadier plant and National Guard. The recreation dept road between the softball fields has been plowed by the highway dept.. Barre Town police aware of the event. Motion to approve the field by John Van Guilder, seconded by Phil Acebo.
- 6. Old Business:
 - a. Recreation Development: Ledge Drive and Wilson Street. Recap given by Kelly. Surveys ..In regards to Ledge Street. Mailed out 181 surveys with 58 returned. 48 in favor and 10 opposed. Town has received a couple of negative emails from surveyors. As for Wilson Street...340 surveys mailed out, 85 back with 55 in favor and 30 opposed. Did receive offer from Debbie Norris of Richardson road of volunteers to assist when need arises. Town office is preparing an engineering grant from Dubois & King of \$10,000 to assist in the engineering services at both Park locations. Grant application should be ready to go Mid March. Bob Comolli approached Bill Bond of Bond Auto for his possible donation to the Park at Wilson Street and Mr. Bond is in favor. Linda Mercy approached the corporate office of Hannafords for the Wilson Park as well and they are interested but did ask for additional information as it unfolds.
 - b. Dubois & King community development; status/progress:
 - 1. On hold at this time. Recd dept is looking into a grant and if successful will not be utilizing Norwich University
 - c. Heritage/Homecoming Days. There will be ongoing planning meetings to be held the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the months at the Municipal Building. Currently are planning for sand sculptures, balloon race, various other races, youth sports, food vendors and various tent for artisans. Friday Night 7/24 the Fireworks will be set off at Paquet’s Farm.. Activities at the farm will be the cooking and selling of food by The Racing Chefs, music and dancing with Fireworks to begin 9p,. All is still in the planning stages and they are looking for volunteers.
 - d. Recreation Budget: status check.. Final budget requests have been turned into the Town Manager for the Recreation Board and

will be reviewed by the Selectboard 3/24/09 and Don Gainey has been asked to attend for input.

- e. Status of Scoreboard: Softball scoreboard currently is not working and needs to be replaced. Approximate cost of new scoreboard @ \$5000. We have all the hardware so would only be the scoreboard itself. This is the most used field and will be approaching Coca-Cola for donation and speaking to Tim Crowley at the Barre Town School as the School may have programs etc that could assist in getting the board.
- f. East Barre Playground Bricks update: Linda Mercy spoke with Kathy Pelletier in regards to this. There are currently 110 bricks sold and in storage at Kathy's home. There are more orders in Massachusetts where the bricks are being made. Kathy to check to see how many are there as she would like them set at the playground prior to Mother's Day 2009. Kathy has asked that the Rec Board assist with the placing of the bricks and to find out from a mason as to the type of sand required to place the bricks. I will follow up with Kathy prior to the April 1 meeting.

7. New Business:

- a. Review regulations at for the picnic area. Picnic Shelter currently does not have rules posted. The rules should be posted on-line for those to view and should be the same as for the playgrounds ie: no alcohol, shelter closes at 11pm. The Group that has reserved the Picnic Shelter should have verification with them to show they have reserved the area if asked. The charge continues to be minimal which barely covers the cost of garbage removal. Currently \$50 charge for the reservation of the shelter plus \$1/person.
- b. Discuss Field Schedule. Municipal office will mail out to the Recreation Facility Users on 3/9/09 advising scheduling for use of the fields for May-July..and to have the schedules back to the Town Office no later than 3/23/09. This includes all the leagues Men's and Women's Baseball, Lacross, Softball, Soccer. Meeting to be held at the Town Office Wed 4/1/09 at 6:30 to confirm scheduling at that time.
- c. Softball Tournament: Barre Town and Barre City. This did not take place on 3/7/09 as originally planned due to inability to gather proper number of team players.
- d. Website Update. Melissa Anderson not at tonight's meeting and she is spear-heading this project. Will be updated shortly to include pictures on the website.

8. Round the Table. 2009 Board Member Workshop. To be held 3/31/09 at the Capital Plaza in Montpelier. Kelly to sign up members that wish to go. Information provided to each Rec Board Member for review.
9. Next Meeting: to be held at the Municipal Office at 6:00pm.. Scheduling of the Spring & Summer team users of the fields to be present at the Town Office at 6:30.
10. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm. Motion to pass by Jon Van Guilder seconded by Phil Acebo

Minutes taken and reported generated by:

Linda K. Mercy
Recreation Board Secretary
March 17, 2009