

Town of Barre
Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2017

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a public meeting on Monday, August 7, 2017 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. All board members were present. Also present were assistant town manager Elaine Wang and town manager Carl Rogers.

Chairman Doug Farnham called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

On a motion by David Rouleau, seconded by Brian Wilcock, the board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of 5b, approve a softball tournament and 5c approve Fall Babe Ruth baseball.

Terry Smith made a motion to approve the July 10 meeting minutes as written. Wilcock seconded the motion, which the board approved unanimously.

There were no guests for a non-agenda item.

5. Field and Facility Use Requests –

- a) **BYSA Soccer** - Barre Youth Sports Association (BYSA) Soccer requested use of the softball outfield and East Barre field. Rogers corrected the agenda notes saying Saturday use of the East Barre field would start September 9. On a motion by Smith, seconded by Mike Gilbar, the Board voted unanimously to approve BYSA – Soccer’s use of the two fields on the days requested.
- b) **Tournament** – (Adi Dobrilovic arrived during discussion of this item.) Damion Craig, on behalf of the Men’s Over 30 League and the Barre Men’s League requested use of the softball field from 8am – 8pm on Saturday, September 16 and Sunday, September 17. The leagues would use the field for a co-ed softball tournament being planned to raise money for the softball field lights. It was mentioned approval would require asking BYSA soccer to use another field on September 16 and it would mean families with young children would be using the park at the same time as adults. Rogers reported Mike Hulbert from BYSA soccer said they could use the lower soccer field on September 16. On a motion by Rouleau, seconded by Gilbar, the board voted 7-0 to approve use of the field for a softball tournament and to express to the leagues the board’s concern about parking, drinking and inappropriate language around children.
- c) **Babe Ruth Baseball** – On behalf of Barre Babe Ruth Fall baseball Shawn Stabell requested use of the baseball field on Sundays starting at 1:00 pm from August 27 to October 29. He said after other teams’ made a decision the Barre team may play some road games. The SHS field hockey team’s use of the field was noted. Smith moved and Wilcock seconded to approve Babe Ruth Fall Baseball’s use of the baseball field with the understanding the baseball players may need to move the hockey goals when the field hockey team has a Friday night or Saturday game or practice. All voted in favor of the motion.

Maintenance Supervisor’s Report – Coffrin was not at work today but sent a maintenance report from which Rogers mentioned some key points. Regarding the restrooms, the board asked if installing a vent in the bottom of the door would help with air circulation. Staff will check into it. It was mentioned only one trash can was at the Upper Websterville Playground the night of the ice cream social and there were no recycling barrels. Staff will correct the situation.

Fall Festival – Smith reported the Aldrich Library is interested in having an information table and possibly a story time. A teacher from the Barre Town school is interested in leading the fairy house building activity. The decision has to wait until school re-opens. The Boy Scouts have not said if they will operate the food concession.

Farnham reported he doesn't have a hay bale donor. Bales would cost \$3 each. He'd like 300 bales for the maze.

Consensus of the board was to keep the festival at 10:00am to 2:00pm.

There was brief discussion of providing a board with seasonal artwork for kids to have their photo taken. Elaine Wang will check the volunteer t-shirt (grey) inventory. On a motion by Gilbar, seconded by Dobrilovic, the board authorized Smith to spend up to \$150 on Fall Festival supplies.

Ice Cream Socials – Farnham said the attendance has been very good. Rouleau reported on supplies. He asked for the police department's help with traffic at the Upper Graniteville social on August 15. The board talked about the good feedback they are hearing. Farnham suggested next year having a donation jar with planned use of money labeled. Another idea suggested was combining a non-perishable food donation with a raffle.

Dog Park – A list of start up expenses was distributed. The list is not complete yet. The board asked town staff to prepare a cost estimate for extending the park water line to the dog park. Rouleau said the dog park organizers want the town to handle the money (donations).

Corridor Management Agreement – Rouleau asked if MTA has provided a trail map in digital format. Rogers said he didn't think it was available. Smith made a motion to recommend the CMA to the Selectboard. Rouleau seconded the motion and the board voted 7-0 in favor of it.

Skatepark – Rouleau said Parker Construction submitted a new proposal with a payment schedule. He talked about comments from others that maybe Parker was too expensive and that references suggested he stretched jobs out too long. The Recreation Board previously approved spending up to \$26,000 for the new features but didn't say with what contractor. Smith made a motion to use Parker Construction, pending satisfactory reference reports, (reports will be run by Farnham, Wilcock and Dobrilovic). Dobrilovic seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Skate Ramp Donation – Gilbar made a motion to tell the party thanks, but no thanks and suggested Barre City might be able to use it. Smith seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Other Business – Rogers reported on MTA's new trail. A ribbon cutting is planned for August 26. Rouleau raised concerns about the construction and effect on the disc golf course.

Round Table – Locarno talked about the Barre Little League All-Star team's championship and travel to Massachusetts. The comments led to discussion about the Bond Fields and the little league field behind the school. Locarno said BYSA football is going ahead with plans to place a building at the Bond Fields and there is some community interest in installing lights on the baseball field at Bond's.

Smith asked the board to set the date for the 2018 Summer Festival. After a motion by Smith, seconded by Gilbar, the board voted 7-0 to hold the 2018 Summer Festival on June 2 from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Smith asked about the Upper Graniteville shelter. Rogers stated resident and volunteer Lori Bernier has a contractor willing to help. She has the Upper Websterville materials invoices to help with the planning. Smith asked if the board would have sledding parties this coming winter. Farnham said the board could make that decision after the Fall Festival.

Gilbar mentioned some dead branches over the road/driveway by the Wilson Street picnic shelter. He asked about playground inspections and a playground equipment replacement schedule. Lower Graniteville was mentioned as the likely next location to be improved.

Rouleau advised a Washington County Mental Health rep asked him about the playground at the CHOICE Academy and maybe partnering with the town. He asked about the town forest sign. Rogers said the purchase order was sent out. Rouleau said he re-stained the forest picnic tables and would do the Upper Websterville playground tables. He wondered if the Recreation Board should have a presence at the Heritage Festival parade. Finally, he mentioned MTA installed a culvert on the VAST trail and the culvert is too high. He said he'd address it with MTA.

Farnham informed the board one paid softball field banner was installed. He said the Over 30 League bought tarps for the softball field. Dwight Coffrin has the tarps. He wondered if the picnic shelter needs a sign advising the shelter can be reserved. He said he has been told of camping in the town forest. He has seen cars in the parking lot early in the morning and thought the cars might belong to campers. He suggested signs reading "No Camping Here or in Town Forest" and "No Overnight Parking". The signs would be placed at the parking areas.

At 8:37, Rouleau moved and Gilbar seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed without dissent.

Recreation Board Members













