

**Town of Barre  
Recreation Board  
Meeting Minutes  
December 4, 2017**

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a public meeting on Monday, December 4, 2017 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Board members present were: Doug Farnham, Dave Rouleau, Terry Smith, Mike Gilbar, Craig Locarno and Brian Wilcock. Also present were town manager Carl Rogers, and assistant town manager Elaine Wang.

Chairman Doug Farnham called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Mike Gilbar moved that the agenda be approved as written. Dave Rouleau seconded the motion and the board approved it by a 6-0 vote.

Terry Smith made a motion to approve the November 6, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Gilbar seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of 11/6/17.

There were no guests for a matter not on the agenda.

**5. Field Requests** – There were no field or facility requests.

**6. Dog Park** – Rouleau reported the pole setting went well. At the November 28 Selectboard meeting Farnham and he requested Selectboard approval to issue a fence installation purchase order. The Selectboard authorized the purchase order even though the dog park volunteers have not raised all the money for the fence. Rouleau said the fencing may be done in late December. Etiquette and rules signs, trash and recycling receptacles are needed now because when the fence and gates are done dog owners will use the dog park. Snow plowing cooperation with the school is needed so snow isn't piled up in front of the park road gate. Rouleau said the park volunteers should work on all these matters. Farnham said he'd get the fence proposal details to town staff for preparing the purchase order.

**7. Sledding Parties** – The board re-stated the parties are on January 13 and February 11 from 1-3 pm. Rouleau said he talked with someone involved with the Granite City Grocery who said the Grocery would like to be involved. Also, he said Darren Ohls (Vermont Bike Shop) would like to come back.

Smith listed the supplies that will be needed. Rouleau said he has the marshmallow roasting sticks. Craig Locarno said he could supply a large water thermos. Smith noted the picnic table needs to be lifted up after snows to prevent it from being frozen to the ground. The board decided the decision to cancel a party would be made and announced on Thursday before the event.

**8. Lower Graniteville Playground** – Brian Wilcock said he was very ill on Halloween and unable to be at the general store to collect playground input. He asked for other tabling opportunities. The board suggested the East Barre Library. Farnham suggested posting a playground collage at the Graniteville General Store and allow people to mark what equipment they'd like to see.

The board talked about a master plan and the FY '18 – '19 budget. Likely pieces of equipment in any plan would include swings for toddlers and for older children, and spring riders.

Wilcock will talk with the store about collecting public input, preferences.

**9. Budget Requests** – Smith said she'd like to keep the \$5,000 in the Program Expense account. Wilcock said something needs to be budgeted for the playground (Lower Graniteville). Rouleau talked about the skate park improvement and Parker Construction's revised cost proposal. The proposal calls for a \$6,000

deposit to hold our spot (construction to start in April) in his schedule. The board felt it was unwise to make a \$6,000 deposit without some guarantee like a performance bond. A town purchase order also is a commitment to do the work. Rouleau agreed to contact Parker, but more money might be needed in the budget for the improvement. Gilbar was interested in the tennis court repairs. Rogers reminded the board the current year budget includes \$26,000 for repairs. The plan is to re-budget that figure for 3 years and in year 3 have the more extensive repairs done.

Locarno said he was interested in baseball field improvements. He'd like to see the Little League field improved. Conversation about the Bond Fields ensued. BCB and BYSA have not met with Mark Mast again. Locarno said a minor league field is needed. East Barre, South Barre, the little league field and the multipurpose field were mentioned.

Farnham asked that budget requests be placed on the January 8 agenda. Also he'd like a 6 month budget report.

**10. Other Business** – Farnham asked that the dugout roof be moved over to the maintenance building to get it out of the way for the winter softball tournament.

**11. Round the Table** – Smith said she likes the signs/posters Wang put on the bulletin board at the park. Rouleau said the new pickleball volunteers are using the school gym on alternating Saturdays and Sundays until the end of the year. Gilbar said he still is working on getting a Spaulding High School student to serve as a liaison to the board. Farnham asked about Freezing Fun for Families' softball tournament and about getting the group on an agenda. He said the softball field backstop hasn't been finished, but maybe when the contractor is installing the dog park fence they can install the last two cross bars in the backstop. He talked plowing snow by the park road gate, but concluded that is a detail for the dog park organizers to work out with the school.

At 7:29 pm on a motion by Rouleau, seconded by Smith, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Recreation Board Members  
  
The image shows five handwritten signatures in blue ink on a set of horizontal lines. The signatures are: 1. Top signature, partially obscured by the text 'Recreation Board Members'. 2. 'D. G. Rouleau'. 3. 'Mark Mast'. 4. 'Judy Smith'. 5. 'Cindy Locarno'.