

Town of Barre
Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2017

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a public meeting on Monday, July 10, 2017 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Board members present were: Doug Farnham, Terry Smith, Dave Rouleau, Mike Gilbar, Brian Wilcock and Adi Dobrilovic. Also present were: Heather Slayton, Pierre Couture, Dwight Coffrin, Wayne King, Chris Willett, Janice King, Elaine Wang and Carl Rogers. (Two other people attended for the dog park discussion.)

Chairman Doug Farnham called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

On a motion by Terry Smith, seconded by Mike Gilbar, the Board voted 6-0 to approve the agenda as presented and with the addition of 7e, Spaulding High School fall sports.

The Board members introduced themselves. New members Adi Dobrilovic and Brian Wilcock offered a little background information about themselves.

Gilbar moved the June 5 meeting minutes be approved as presented. Dave Rouleau seconded the motion which the Board approved unanimously.

There were no guests for a non-agenda item.

Field and Facility Use Requests –

- a. **Washington County Mental Health** – Heather Slayton, on staff with WCMH, was present to request use of the picnic shelter, track and Millstone Hill West bike path for a color run during the morning of Sunday, September 17. On a motion by Rouleau, seconded by Gilbar, the Board voted 6-0 to approve WCMH's request.
- b. **Shelter Fee** – Slayton spoke about this request. After the color run on September 17, WCMH will hold a "company picnic". There could be several hundred people attending. She asked the Board waive or reduce the shelter use fee. On a motion by Wilcock, seconded by Rouleau, the Board voted without dissent to reduce WCMH's shelter use fee to \$50.
- c. **BTMES- PTO** – As a PTO member Slayton was present for this agenda item, also. She stated the 2016 color run was very well attended and raised much money for the PTO. The PTO would like to conduct another color run, with a 5K and 1 mile run, on Sunday, October 8 from mid-morning to mid-afternoon. They would use the picnic shelter, track and Millstone Hill West bike path. Farnham asked that racers keep their feet off the tables and benches. Rouleau made a motion to approve the BTMES PTO's use of the 3 facilities on Sunday, October 8 from mid-morning to mid-afternoon. Gilbar seconded it. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.
- d. **Fallfire** – Pierre Couture explained this proposed event. The first Boy Scouts of America troop was organized in Barre in 1909. A granite sculpture to acknowledge that has been talked about for a very long time. More recently the Charles Semprebon Fund awarded backers of the movement some money to have the statue sculpted. The backers need to raise about \$35,000. The sculpture would be placed in downtown Barre City. Fallfire is a proposed event to raise money for the statue. Fallfire would be based on Rockfire except it would be planned with families in mind. The date is September 23. The walk would start from the Millstone Lodge about 6:30pm. Couture is seeking approval to use the town forest near both sides of Littlejohn Road. Couture said either the Green Mountain Boy Scout Council or the Barre Rotary Club would be the sponsor or "owner" and provide the insurance. Rouleau moved and Gilbar seconded to approve use of the town forest near Littlejohn Road on September 23 starting at

approximately 6:30pm, provided the town is given a certificate of insurance. Dobrilovic raised concerns about sky lanterns used at Rockfire and wondered if Fallfire would have any. Couture said he didn't know yet. The Board voted 6-0 to approve the motion.

e. Spaulding High School – Rogers distributed SHS's fall sports – cross country, field hockey and boys and girls soccer – practice and game schedules. Smith moved and Dobrilovic seconded to approve SHS's use of the town forest, baseball field and soccer fields per the submitted schedules.

Dome Climber – Rogers explained a VT Foodbank employee noticed the climber at the maintenance building and asked to buy it. He said Elaine Wang found on-line a new climber could be purchased for \$160 and people trying to sell used climbers were listing them for around \$70. Gilbar made a motion to approve sale of the dome climber for \$50. Wilcock seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

Dog Park - Rouleau and Janice King led the discussion. A photograph of the grove next to the baseball right field fence was passed out. The photograph had a fence photo-shopped in to show the perimeter of the proposed park, which would have two sections: one for smaller/shy dogs and another for larger/confident dogs. King said they measured the area and estimate 950' of fence is needed. Coffrin asked about putting down fill-how much-and clean-up maintenance. King said the organizers would take care of clean up inside the fence and would mow and trim the dog park. She said they would hope to have a small maintenance building close by. Coffrin asked about the town's maintenance staff getting bit. Who would be responsible? King said it would be no different than if a dog being walked on the bike path bit a worker. She also said the fence that would be donated is 6' high. Farnham said about 95 posts will be needed, not counting the triple gated (air-lock) entry way. Rogers pointed out that for stormwater management reasons it would be better to keep grass inside the fence instead of a gravel surface. Wilcock asked if there is an actual dog park committee. King said no, but when a call was put out for work at the Barre City dog park, plenty of people responded. Wayne King asked if there is a large calling for a dog park. Rouleau said there was some and he knew of people's interest. Janice King said the group would lead the fund-raising. Private companies in the dog care business offer grants. She asked about winter plowing. Rogers said the town doesn't plow the school parking lot. He said the park road is very wet during the spring. Driving on the road during mud season would not be good. The Board said maybe the road could be closed during mud season.

The next steps would be getting a written proposal from the organizers and reducing the plan and understanding to writing.

Maintenance Supervisor's Report – Coffrin handed out a list of topics then gave a verbal report. There was discussion on some items. No action needed.

Fall Festival – Smith reported Alexis Dexter is confirmed for face-painting. She has talked to the Boy Scouts. Farnham has called a source for hay bales. He said he has to call the person again. Smith went on mentioning possible activities: pumpkin bowling, putt-putt golf through pumpkins, catapult making, an obstacle course, corn cob toss and sack race. Rouleau and Gilbar agreed to serve on a sub-committee with Smith. At the August meeting Smith will need Board authorization to make purchases.

Ice Cream Socials – Rouleau said the ice cream and other supplies are confirmed. He said he'd be at the playground at 6:00. Smith said she'd move the banner and asked for 9 copies of the flyer be laminated.

Other Business – Rogers asked for a revised or updated written cost proposal for the skatepark improvement. Rouleau said he is doing more work on that. Rogers mentioned Lori Bernier had 3 leads for contractors to build the Upper Graniteville Playground shelter; all 3 fizzled. She has another lead now but extra help might be needed. Smith said Restore could be a last resort. Rogers informed the

Board of the painting underway. He said the Trow Hill path was paved but restoration is needed yet. Wang said Kyle Bellavance donated and planted flowers in a small circle in the path. He said MTA had work done on its new trail but didn't know more, and he credited Wang for painting two hopscotch courts on the pavement at the South Barre Playground. The Board thanked Wang.

Round the Table – Rouleau said he wanted to use the pop up tent for the socials. He said Smith, Gilbar and he sent out thank yous for the Summer Festival. He asked about the budget for the 44 Brook Street sign. Rogers said it was in the budget for \$500. Rouleau mentioned a different location than previously planned. It was suggested he should contact the public works superintendent to see how snow plowing is done and where snow is pushed up. Rogers and he will work on getting a purchase order for the sign to be made.

Smith mentioned several playground maintenance items. She asked that Missy Wild, representing the Boy Scouts, be paid for food Summer Festival volunteers got at the Scouts' concession stand. The amount was \$61 based on posted prices for various items. The Board was willing to give more. Smith moved and Gilbar seconded to pay the Scouts (M. Wild) \$80. The Board unanimously agreed.

Farnham asked the meeting with Mark Mast and others (re: Bond Fields) be set-up. He also asked that Board members be reminded to call or email when they know they cannot attend a meeting or know they will be late.

At 9:00 p.m., on a motion by Rouleau, seconded by Gilbar, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Recreation Board Members














