

**Town of Barre
Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2017**

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a public meeting on Monday, November 6, 2017 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Board members present were: Doug Farnham, Dave Rouleau, Terry Smith, and Mike Gilbar. Also present were: Steve Maas, Kevin Spaulding, Janice King, Heidi Vihenen, Dwight Coffrin, Elaine Wang and Carl Rogers.

Chairman Doug Farnham called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Dave Rouleau moved that the meeting agenda be accepted as presented; seconded by Mike Gilbar. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Terry Smith made a motion to approve the October 2, 2017 minutes. Gilbar seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

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

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

6. Maintenance Supervisor's Report – Supervisor Dwight Coffrin handed out a list of maintenance activities since the last meeting. He explained many of the activities on the list, including his FY 18-19 budget request for a lawn aerator. Farnham advised stakes, marking the perimeter of the dog park, have been set. He asked Coffrin not to remove or move the stakes. Farnham said he liked the new drainage on the softball field. He asked if the banners were taken down. Coffrin said the banners were down.

7. Dog Park – Janice King and Heidi Vihenen were prepared to comment on the draft dog park agreement. An updated draft was distributed. King said they thought asking the Dog Park Committee to be responsible for trimming the outside of the fence was too much. After brief discussion it was agreed the bottom of the fence would be kept about 2" off the ground so all fence trimming could be done from the inside. Farnham suggested the fence be placed on the outside of the poles. In paragraph 12, it was agreed to drop the phrase "in Websterville, VT." The Committee members were concerned language in paragraph #16 making the Committee responsible for all trees blown or cut down and for fence repairs resulting from trees coming down. The Board and dog park organizers agreed the Town would be responsible for removing trees outside of the fence; The Committee would be responsible for trees inside the fence and for repairs. Elaine Wang reviewed the Town Attorney's comments. The organizers said Illari Vihenen's name should be added as a committee member.

King and Vihenen passed around a sample dog park calendar which featured local dogs. The calendars will be sold as a fund-raiser.

On a motion by Gilbar, seconded by Rouleau, the Board voted unanimously to accept the agreement as discussed at the meeting.

8. MTA – Steve Maas and Kevin Spaulding were present to make a request. MTA requested permission to attach a large bulletin board to the back of the garage at 44 Brook Street. The board would show a large MTA trail map, have room for other (MTA) information, and a drop box slot for collecting trail user fees. Farnham asked if having cash inside would invite a break-in. Spaulding said MTA thought about that. There were several possible protective steps including posting a sign that cash is removed daily. He said

they mentioned a separate drop box but thought that could get pulled loose and stolen. Discussion about lighting ensued. Possibilities of using solar powered motion sensor lights and wiring the building were mentioned. Rouleau said the Thunder Chickens are not interested in having electrical power on their side of the garage. MTA will get prices for having power brought to the building, installing a meter and wiring the garage for lights and outlets.

Gilbar made a motion, seconded by Rouleau, to approve the bulletin board with drop box. The motion was approved unanimously.

Maas talked about the winter season. He said MTA was planning to groom trails north of Littlejohn Road. He will move one of the blocks at the Road/Lower Mainline Trail intersection to access that area. Rogers pointed out next spring the block needs to be set back in its current spot to prevent vehicles from driving down Lower Mainline.

Farnham asked about using the former dynamite shed field for camping. Maas said MTA had had that idea when thinking about hosting a VT Mountain Bike Association event. Also, Darren Ohls has thoughts about organizing a MTA event.

Rouleau asked if there would be logging again this winter. Rogers said yes.

Maas asked about the corridor management agreement and the Couture land easements. Rogers said the corridor management agreement has not been acted on yet, and he doesn't recall seeing the final Couture conservation easement documents coming in. He suggested MTA plan to groom trails in the trail easement areas shown on the maps produced for acquiring the Couture conservation easement.

9. Pickleball – Rouleau reported Rachel Pinard and Marlene Pellerin said they'd like to see Sunday afternoon pickleball start earlier than January 14. Rouleau said he told them they'd have to get the BTMES's permission to use the gym on Sundays before January 14 and they'd have to accept responsibility for set up, but the Board might lend its equipment (not tape). He said he didn't know when this group wanted to start playing.

Rouleau made a motion to approve loaning the Recreation Board's pickleball equipment to the group represented by Pinard and Pellerin for use in the BTMES gym, provided the group obtained the school's permission to use the gym. Gilbar seconded the motion which was approved 4-0.

The Board asked for pickleball to be on the December meeting agenda. Rouleau said he also received a call from Dave Bullis, who said he was aware of a group of people interested in playing.

10. Lower Graniteville Playground – Elaine Wang said she didn't know if Brian Wilcock set up a public input station on Halloween evening. The Board skipped over this item and asked that it be placed on the December meeting agenda.

11. Budget Report – Rogers briefly reviewed the report. The Board was satisfied with the status of the Recreation budget. There were a few questions about the Program Expenses account. The Board asked that the December meeting agenda include the FY 18-19 budget request.

12. Other Business – Wang talked about the 2-month calendar on the lower restroom bulletin board. After some discussion Farnham said staff could forget that idea for now but post a QR code to connect people to the website recreation calendar.


13. Round the Table – Gilbar said he spoke with Spaulding High School (SHS) principal Brenda Waterhouse about a student liaison to the Board. He said Waterhouse mentioned possibly having two. When the names are provided they should be added to the meeting email list.

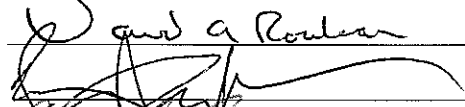
Regarding Lower Graniteville, Smith asked what equipment the Board did not pick for Trow Hill. Wang will provide pictures and catalogs. Smith asked if Jim Dwinell could ride his snowmobile across the Municipal Building's back parking lot to keep access to the sledding hill packed. Rogers said he could.


Farnham asked that sledding parties be on the December agenda.


At 8:13 p.m. Rouleau moved to adjourn the meeting. Gilbar seconded the motion. The Board voted 4-0 to approve the motion.

Recreation Board Members



David A. Rouleau


Craig Rouleau


Terry Smith


Ben Smith
