

**Town of Barre
Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2018**

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a public meeting on Monday, June 4, 2018 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Board members present were: Doug Farnham, Dave Rouleau, Terry Smith, Mike Gilbar, Adi Dobrilovic, and Rolland Tessier. Also present were Rebecca Somaini, Keith Boucher, Linda Mercy, Rec Supervisor Dwight Coffrin, and town manager Carl Rogers.

Chair Farnham called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

To the agenda, Rogers requested to add another facility use request as 5d. Rouleau made a motion to approve the agenda with this change. Tessier seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Smith moved to approve the May 7, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Gilbar seconded and the board approved 6-0.

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

5. Field Requests –

- a. St. Monica School 5K – Becky Somaini requested use of the town forest for a 5K trail run on June 1, 2019. Rouleau made a motion to approve upon condition of receipt of a certificate of insurance. Gilbar seconded and the motion passed 6-0.
- b. Babe Ruth Baseball – Keith Boucher provided a schedule for 14-15 year olds and for 13 year olds and requested that the field be dragged. Coffrin stated that it is being dragged. The Board advised that the June 9th game would have to be walk-in only and that there would be no bleachers due to the Caws 4 Paws event. Rouleau made a motion to approve the schedule as provided, including for the June 9th game, and to waive the field use fees. Dobrilovic seconded and the motion passed 6-0.
In response to questions by Farnham, Boucher said he saw no problem moving the backstop closer to the plate but that he has a safety concern about skinning the field.
- c. Spaulding High School Fall Sports – Smith motioned to approve the schedule per their email to Rogers. Dobrilovic seconded and the Board approved the motion 6-0.
- d. Central Vermont Medical Center Susan G. Komen 5K September 22, 9a, – Rouleau made a motion to approve CVMC's use of the Millstone West Bike Path for their annual fundraiser 5K. Gilbar seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

6. Supervisor's Report – Coffrin provided his written report to the board and reviewed it.

7. Skatepark – Lindy Mercy shared that she would like to hold this year's Learn to Skate program, taught by Curtis Ritchie, on July 6 from 1-3pm. Participants would receive a free helmet. No registration fee. She's ordered 150 new t-shirts. Profit from their sale will go to the skatepark.

Denis, Ricker and Brown will hold a work bee on July 25.

The date proposed for the Open House/Grand Opening for the new features was August 18th at 11am.

Smith motioned to approve the Learn to Skate event. Gilbar seconded and it passed 6-0.

Smith motioned to approve the Grand Opening. Tessier seconded and it passed 6-0.

8. Caws 4 Paws – The board discussed whether and where to allow campers brought by the Dock Dogs performers. Smith made a motion to allow up to 10 on the grass between the skatepark and the Dock Dogs pool from June 7th to June 10th, 2018. Gilbar seconded and the motion passed 6-0. The board requested that Green Mountain Dock Dogs provide a Certificate of Insurance to the town.

9. **Spring into Summer Fest** – The board discussed final details of the event. Rouleau shared that the Grand Opening of the Dog Park was scheduled for 11am and that the Selectboard was invited.

10. **Lower Graniteville Playground** – Regarding the retrofit, the board directed assistant town manager Elaine Wang to prepare an equipment survey board and administer it at the Spring Festival. They also directed staff to submit for a Recreational Facilities grant and indicated additional equipment they would want to see.

The board discussed a neighbor’s complaint about users driving over her lawn. They indicated that she should call the police when this happens. If this approach doesn’t work the board will re-consider the matter.

11. **SHS Football 7-on-7** – This event was canceled.

12. **Rec Area Gates** – The board discussed the proposed gates from Lafayette Highway Specialties to replace the ones at the Rec Area and Millstone Bike Path entrances. Smith made a motion to authorize the expenditure of \$2,190 to purchase gates for the recreation road. Tessier seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

13. **Pickleball** – Regarding the tennis court conversion, Farnham said that he had installed eyelet screws on one tennis court. Coffrin had ordered the straps. Rouleau noted that he had turned in \$145 from the winter pickleball donations. Smith made a motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$200 for a pickleball stencil kit. Gilbar seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

14. **Softball Field Lights** – The board discussed how to advance this improvement and assigned next steps.

15. **Conflict of Interest** – The town is creating a Conflict of Interest work group to prepare a Barre Town policy that would apply to all elected and appointed officials. Gilbar volunteered to represent the Rec Board on this work group. Rouleau made a motion to appoint Gilbar to serve on the conflict of interest committee. Tessier seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

16. **Officers** – Smith motioned to re-elect Farnham Chair of the Rec Board. Tessier seconded and the motion passed 6-0. Smith motioned to re-elect Rouleau as Vice Chair. Tessier seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

17. **Respect in the Workplace Training** – Rogers explained that the town is holding a mandatory training for all employees on this topic and that all board, commission, and committee members are also invited.

18. **Round the Table** – Smith asked that the Rec Area picnic shelter be reserved Sep 22, 2018 be for the Fall Festival. The board assigned playground inspections to themselves and reviewed issues they saw in the last month’s inspections. Farnham indicated a need to post Barre Town Rules and Regulations at the park once the property transfer is complete. He also shared that BTMES is starting softball games at 4:30pm, which delays the men leagues games to 6:30/6:45pm. Rouleau reported that 78 players were in the Green Mountain Disc Golf Tournament.

At 9:00pm on a motion by Smith, seconded by Tessier, the board voted 6-0 to adjourn.

Recreation Board Members

