

**Town of Barre  
Recreation Board  
Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2018**

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a public meeting on Monday, September 10, 2018 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Board members present were: Doug Farnham, Dave Rouleau, Terry Smith, Mike Gilbar, Rolland Tessier, and Stacey Lynds. Also present were Gail Mulcahy, Sheila Cleary, Corey Touchette, town manager Carl Rogers, assistant town manager Elaine Wang.

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

To the agenda, Rouleau requested to add another facility use request as 5g and Wang another as 5e. Smith made a motion to approve the agenda with these changes. Gilbar seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Smith motioned to approve the 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. Dog Park Fundraiser in Rec Area, Oct 13 from 9am to 3pm, with setup starting around 8am. Gail Mulcahy and Sheila Cleary were there to present the event, describing it as small furniture, no clothes. Smith made a motion to approve the use across the rec road from the dog park. Gilbar seconded and the motion passed 6-0.
- b. The Courtney's Allies representative had not arrived so the Chair postponed this item.
- c. 15-18yo Babe Ruth requested the baseball field Sun Sep 9 at 1:30pm, Sun Sep 16 at 12pm and 2:30pm, Sun Sep 23 at 1pm, and Sun Oct 7 at 1pm for games, and Sun Oct 21 for a possible all-day tournament that will continue into the evening under the lights. There had been no conflict with the 9<sup>th</sup> so staff had allowed them to go ahead. Gilbar made a motion to approve the request as presented and to waive the field use fees, seconded by Smith. The motion passed 6-0.
- d. 12-14yo Babe Ruth requested the baseball field on Sun Aug 12 at 2pm and Sun Aug 26 at 2pm. Gilbar made a motion to approve the request retroactively as presented and to waive the field use fees. Smith seconded and the motion passed 6-0.
- e. Barre Elks requested use of the The Quarries Disc Golf Course for a club event on Sat Sep 15, 9am-12pm. A certificate of insurance had been provided. Tessier made a motion to approve the request as presented, seconded by Gilbar. The motion passed 6-0.
- f. Vermont Bicycle Shop requested use of the town forest on Sun Sep 30 for a mountain bike skills clinic and group ride, 10am until dark, and a food truck if allowed, and Sun Oct 28 from 10am until dark, for a 'last ride of the season' event, also with a food truck. Rouleau made a motion to approve the use, including the food trucks. Tessier seconded and the motion passed 6-0.
- g. Barre Youth Sports Association made a request to have a soccer game using the lower fields from Thu Sep 6. The time was coordinated with Spaulding, who had use of the field that same afternoon, and settled on for 6-7pm, so staff told them to go ahead. Gilbar made a motion to retroactively approve the use. Smith seconded and the motion passed 6-0.
- c. A Courtney's Allies representative had not arrived by this point so the Board took up their request without one. This informal group requested use of the bike path and picnic shelter for a domestic violence awareness walk on October 13, 8a-11a. Rouleau made a motion to approve the request and to waive the picnic shelter fee. Gilbar seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

**6. Freezing Fun for Families 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary** - Executive Director Corey Touchette requested use of the Rec Area, except the picnic shelter, on March 1 through 3, 2019. Rouleau made a motion to approve and to waive the fees for field use and lights. Gilbar seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Touchette provided an update on their accomplishments, presented ideas for their anniversary celebration and received feedback from the Board. Rogers noted that if they plan to charge any admission fee for the celebration that they would need to apply for a special event permit from the Selectboard.

**7. Supervisor's Report** – The Rec Supervisor reviewed the department's activities for the last month.

**8. Fall Festival** – The Board discussed plans and activities for the Fall Festival on Saturday September 29, 2018. Gilbar made a motion authorizing the expenditure of up to \$250 for Fall Fest supplies. Rouleau seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

**9. Rec Area Ordinances** – The board discussed draft ordinance changes to reduce liability from drinking and use of marijuana in the rec area. They provided direction for more changes.

The board further discussed standalone guidelines regarding alcohol that would be developed with the softball league presidents. Farnham said he discussed this idea with the new league presidents and they expressed willingness to work with the town. Their one concern was the lack of lights beyond the baseball field. Wang had looked into costs assuming the need to erect a new pole. Farnham said he would look for an existing place to mount a light, and Tessier offered to research solar options.

**10. Recreation Guidelines** – The board had expressed interest at a previous meeting to have guidelines for users of the town recreation facilities and programs. They reviewed a draft and requested changes.

**11. Lower Graniteville Playground Retrofit** – Wang provided a status update on this project. The board discussed the possibility of an in-ground slide.

**12. No Parking signage** – Farnham described that there are times when cars are parked on both sides of the road’s choke point near the picnic shelter such that a vehicle could not fit between them. Town ordinances allow the board to manage parking in the rec area. Rouleau made a motion to purchase ‘no parking between signs’ and for them to be installed on the soccer field side of the road at either side of the narrower part of the road. Tessier seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

**Round the Table** – Tessier asked about space for more parking. Rogers said that there is room for quite a bit more parking but in an area people may not recognize as overflow parking, and that it could be better marked for that. Gilbar asked if the South Barre Community Building could be used for something recreational. Farnham noted that the sewer system there was insufficient. Lynds shared that she would not be available in November. Smith requested that dates be set for the 2019 festivals and ice cream socials. The Board set Spring Festival for June, the ice cream socials for July 9 through August 13, and Fall Festival for September 13. She also asked about the reimbursement to Rouleau for the Caws 4 Paws fundraiser that had been discussed at the July meeting. Rogers said that the town attorney advised that the Rec Board would need to vote to advance the request to the Selectboard. Smith made the motion and Gilbar seconded. Rouleau abstained and the motion passed 5-0. Rouleau shared that the person who had asked about having a mobile sandwich shop at the 44 town forest parking lot had not done more work yet on the request. Gilbar asked if there were any ordinances to consider; Rogers said the town had no ordinances regarding itinerant vendors. Rouleau noted that more discussion would be needed to make sure the lot wasn’t overrun with food trucks. Finally Rouleau indicated the dates had been set for indoor pickleball at the school gym: November 4 through March 31, Sunday mornings. He said he was looking into a narrower tape for the courts. Farnham asked whether the town would be changing any softball lights this fall. Rogers indicated that was the goal.

At 8:45pm on a motion by Rouleau, seconded by Tessier, the board voted 6-0 to adjourn.

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