

**BARRE TOWN BOARD OF RECREATION
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, WESTERVILLE VT
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 2, 2009**

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~ Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. ~

Present: Linda Mercy, JP Isabelle, Lionel Cyr, Yvonne Trepanier, Melissa Anderson.

Absent: Tanya Pelletier, Linda Rogers.

Guests: Val Vallarand, Kathie Felch.

I Review of Budget Report: Everything looks fine, no red flags so we can keep moving forward. On a motion made by Melissa Anderson, and seconded by Lionel Cyr, the board motions to approve report as is.

II Approve Use of Facilities: Revell Allen working with kids from BYSA and the PSTL program at Barre Town School. They are looking to use the BT upper little league field for a wiffle ball tournament to raise money for kids who cannot afford to play BYSA sports. The group will come to January board meeting to ask for use of the field. They are also looking to use the picnic shelter in May for a fundraiser for the food bank. The board discussed this and unofficially may “gift” some funds to the group to use the picnic shelter. The board will also encourage the group to look for sponsors for their event.

III Old Business:

1. Barre Heritage Festival:

The Heritage Committee is looking for a chair and co-chair. Melissa will talk to Barre Town PTO for volunteers. If we ask, CVTV will do a scroll on the channel for free advertising to help find chair and co-chair for the heritage committee. Currently, there are 5 people willing to help out, but the team would like a leader. When committee is formed, everyone will come to a recreation board for a meet and greet to become familiar with each other. (Recreation board meeting could be the first meeting for the heritage committee.)

2. East Barre Playground brick reimbursement:

Maybe we can review the budget to see if there is something to cut in order for the reimbursement to occur. Costs for the walkway have been more than anticipated. The town did donate hours and labor to the walkway but filler bricks needed to be purchased to complete the walkway. The cost for splitting the filler bricks 50/50 is \$500.00 for each party. On a motion made by Lionel Cyr and seconded by Lisa, the board agrees to reimburse Kathy Pelletier \$500.00 from the "other supplies" account (ending in 326). A check will be issued to Kathy upon receipt of her original payment.

3. Scoreboard (cost and funding):

Lionel spoke to a representative for Coca-Cola and they asked about products available at the fields (i.e. vending machines). Is it worth going out to the community to ask if there is interest in running a snack bar to help raise money for the scoreboard? If there are only funds available for one scoreboard, the consensus on the recreation board is that the baseball (Legion) scoreboard should probably be replaced first.

4. Wilson Street Swing Set purchase:

So far we have \$2,800.00 for equipment. (From the Vermont Department of Buildings and General Services grant and budget) Hannaford's and McDonalds have charitable giving arms, but there is a process. We need to decide what to ask for, we need a clear vision. Can McDonalds donate equipment? Melissa will call Karen Cox and ask her about how the board raised money for the Graniteville playground.

We Know:

- ~The playground will be geared towards younger children (ages 2-10)
- ~It is located on a soccer/baseball field and will be used by siblings of players during games.
- ~There are many families in the area interested in having a facility to use.
- ~We will remove the standing basketball court, which is not in good condition.
- ~The bike path committee is currently looking at the path going right in front of this facility as one of their routes...we need to keep this in mind as we plan and design.

We Need:

- ~We need sketches and a vision for the facility...where to go with it?
- ~Kelly will talk to Dubois and King for their input.
- ~Measurements/dimensions of the usable area.

Questions:

- ~Are there local contractors interested in donating time/materials for the project?
- ~Can we find a tire donation if we decide to install a tire tunnel?
- ~What types of equipment do we want to install? Wooden? Structure? Individual pieces?
- ~How did the recreation board go about creating other newer playgrounds in the town?
- ~Do we want to somehow include the town-owned building as part of our plan?

5. Budget considerations:

- ~Fencing materials for Upper Websterville and East Barre playgrounds (ask Don about pricing).
- ~Field lighting (softball field, change lighting and attachment arms)
- ~ South Barre playground equipment
- ~Programs (swimming lessons, StoryWalk, etc)
- ~Possibly asking budget committee to match fundraising efforts for the 2 scoreboards. (They buy one, we buy one)

Not priority at this time:

- ~ Skate park maintenance VAST contributes a lot to the skate park and we can take this item out of the budget request.
- ~East Barre playground landscaping-Can a gardening or service club get involved with this? We agreed to get involved with the bricks, this is our contribution, we can take this off the list.
- ~The Trow Hill playground is in need of some updating. Kelly will draft a survey to find out what the residents are interested in. We can review it in February and send it out in the new year. Is it possible to move equipment from one playground to another? Nothing is needed in budget request at this time for the Trow Hill playground.
- ~StoryWalk is free if returned unscathed.

IV Other Important Discussion: Board discusses option to ask Dubois and King to move their resources to the South Barre Playground because Ledge Drive is slow moving. It is clear that the current land owned by the town is not appropriate for a playground. If WCMH is willing to work with us utilizing/trading their land higher up Richardson Road, we will move forward with plans as the need arises. The board decided that it is more beneficial to utilize the Dubois and King services for the current project in South Barre and put the Ledge Drive plans on the back burner. Kelly will contact Dubois and King to find out their thoughts on this idea.

V Round the table:

Yvonne asked about getting donations from companies. Is there a protocol when asking for donations, or can we go out individually to ask for donations. She would possibly like to get the Barre Town Fire Department involved in the evolution of the Wilson Street. (As we know, there is no procedure/policy on collecting donations.)

Linda has found people interested in providing services for Snowshoeing club and Tennis lessons in the town, she will get the information to us at a future meeting.

Lionel gave an update of the bike path committee. Committee is currently meeting once a week. Rock of Ages is looking into using the railroad bed for transporting rock to Montpelier. The committee is looking into an alternative route because there is a conflict with the railroad bed at this time. The new proposed path can be multi-use for all seasons. One possible path being looked at will go right next to Wilson Street playground. We need to keep this in mind when planning for the playground.

VI Next Meeting

Next meeting is Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the Barre Town Municipal Building.

VII Adjourn On a motion made by Lionel Cyr and seconded by Linda Mercy, the board agreed to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm.

~Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm~

Respectfully Submitted by:
Melissa Anderson
Recreation Board Secretary
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