Town of Barre
Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2016

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a public meeting on Monday, July 11, 2016 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Board members present were: Doug Farham, Tracy Wright, Terry Smith, Mike Gilbar, Dave Rouleau and Shaun Corbett and Angelo Arnold. Also present were: Dwight Coffrin and Carl Rogers.

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

Mike Gilbar made a motion to approve the agenda as written and with no changes. Terry Smith seconded the motion, which the Board approved unanimously.

Shaun Corbett moved that the June 6, 2016 meeting minutes, as presented, be approved. Dave Rouleau seconded the motion. Gilbar pointed out the minutes do not state who seconded the motion for Field Use b). Dave Rouleau recalled seconding the motion. Corbett accepted the friendly amendment to his motion. The Board approved the amended motion 7-0.

There were no guests for non-agenda items.

Field Use:
a) On a motion by Rouleau, seconded by Corbett, the Board voted unanimously to approve Barre Town Middle and Elementary School’s use of the bike path, lower soccer field, baseball outfield and softball outfield (one field hockey game) for the school’s cross country, field hockey and soccer teams per the schedule provided by BTMES.

b) Rouleau made a motion to approve Spaulding High School’s use of the town forest, upper soccer field and baseball outfield for the high school’s cross country team, field hockey team and girls and boys soccer teams per the schedule provided by SHS. Corbett seconded the motion and the Board approved it without dissent.

c) Rouleau moved that the Board approve Barre Youth Sports (BYSA) use of the softball outfield and East Barre park field for youth soccer on Saturdays (8:30am – 1:30pm) and weeknights (5:00pm – 7:30pm) from September 6 to October 17. Gilbar seconded the motion and all Board members voted in favor.

Fall Festival:
This subject was on the agenda per the Board’s request. Tracy Wright started the conversation by naming a few ideas for activities. October 22, late in the afternoon and evening was mentioned as a possible date. Possible activities mentioned included: face painting, bobbing for apples, lantern walk, enchanted forest, cider press, small campfire, scarecrow building, 50/50 raffle, chili and game stew cook-off, pie baking competition, story walk, music and cross-country ski, snow shoe and fat tire bike vendor display. The possibility of sponsors was mentioned. Members accepted the assignment to make certain contacts. The subject will be back on the August meeting agenda.

Photo Contest/Calendar:
Smith reported the Times-Argus has not responded about accepting photos, or managing and judging the contest. She said she set up a recreation board email address (barretownrec@gmail.com) for receiving photos. The Board brainstormed about rules and logistics. They mentioned: contestants need to give their name, address, and phone number; no more than 12 photos per person; subject of photos must be people recreating at town recreation facilities (town forest, bike paths, ballfields, courts,
playgrounds; by submitting a photo contestant is giving authorization for the Town to use the photo in the 2017 calendar or other Town materials; photo credit to be given to submitter; scenery photos from Town recreation facilities are acceptable; parents submitting photo(s) of their children implies permission to use the photo.

The Board discussed accepting photos until September 16 when judging would begin. Publicity could be accomplished through: Front Porch Forum, town website, town newsletter, recreation facebook page, Froggy radio, forest kiosks, MTA website and ads in the World and Times-Argus.

Rogers will draft procedures and rules for Smith’s review before the next meeting.

**Ice Cream Socials:**
Rouleau reported Ben and Jerry’s has donated 2 large containers of ice cream. Each will serve about 45 people. Farnham said based on what he is hearing, the Board should try for 3 containers. Items needed include water and bowls (for rinsing scoops), tables, table covers, coolers, ice. Board members were asked to arrive at 6:00 pm. Serving begins at 6:30.

**Maintenance Supervisor Report:**
Dwight Coffrin reviewed his report included in the meeting packet and additional items –

- Fatback Property Maintenance gave a quote to trim the tennis courts cedar hedge. Coffrin will look for more quotes.
- Bill Durbrow from BASA is getting prices for soccer nets. Coffrin said he is talking to SHS Athletic Director Pat Merriam about contributing.
- The basketball court side of the new court light timers/switches was not installed because that system was too badly damaged. The electrician needs to do more work.

Farnham said Lower Graniteville is missing a toddler swing and he hasn’t yet talked to Dexter Electric about the electric behind the softball field backstop. Tracy Wright said she would like to donate some perennials for the bike path planters.

Rogers and Coffrin reported work was done at Trow Hill that day. The steering wheel nut was secured, the new swing chains were installed and the playground rules sign was erected, temporarily.

**Other Business:**
Rogers reported staff is working on a plan for and purchase of recycling containers to be placed at all recreation facilities.

**Round the Table:**
Smith asked if something could be done about the large puddle on the edge of the South Barre playground parking lot.

Wright asked about weeding the Upper Websterville playground bank. She offered to have it done. She said she likes the fish for hop scotch and the 4 square at Trow Hill.

Arnold asked if there was any word from little league (BCB) about using the field behind the school. Board members noted BCB have a long-term commitment for the Bond Field. The lights from the Spaulding Field are going to Bonds. A little league team has been practicing on the field behind the school.

Corbett said town forest directional signs from East Barre to Websterville would be helpful.

Farnham reported on the idea of selling banner space on the softball field fence. He said a 4 'x 6'
banner would cost $200 to buy. Jet Service would donate the first banner and share space about advertising on the banners. The Board will discuss the program next meeting.

Farnham also talked about the possibility of changing the baseball field to a baseball/softball field. He said he was told VT Softball would use the park for tournaments if there were two softball fields, and the association would pay for the use.

Rouleau asked about outdoor pickle ball on the EMS station basketball court. He thought the players could use the indoor nets. Ways to mark the pickle ball court were mentioned. An outdoor cloth pickle ball tape is a good possibility. He will contact people who are interested to see if they’d agree to be present certain times of the week.

He talked about the dog park. Possible sites were across from the skate park, next to the East Barre basketball court and the East Barre dam. Staff was asked to search for dog park grants.

He asked about the town forest parking area sign and the DRB application. Rogers said it is not on the agenda for Wednesday night and an application with details is needed. Rouleau is to take with the zoning administrator.

Gilbar said he has visited the sites to begin familiarizing himself with the recreation facilities.

Rogers reported the school board asked to meet with the Selectboard to discuss bussing and the recreation property/park. Unless the town school deeds the recreation facilities to the town the recreation area could be included in the merger with the Barre Supervisory Union.

Smith and Rogers said they’d miss the August 1 meeting.

On a motion by Smith, seconded by Corbett, all voted in favor of adjourning at 8:11pm.

Recreation Board Members

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