The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a public meeting on Monday, October 3, 2016 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Board members present were: Doug Farham, Terry Smith, Tracy Wright, Dave Rouleau, Mike Gilbar and Shaun Corbett. Also present were Carl Rogers and Dwight Coffrin.

Chairman Doug Farnham called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

On a motion by Dave Rouleau, seconded by Shaun Corbett, the board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented. Farnham asked about minutes being sent with the packet. Rogers said he’d remind the office staff and reminded the board the minutes are posted on the Recreation Board webpage.

Terry Smith moved to approve the September 12 meeting minutes as written. Mike Gilbar seconded the motion. The board voted 6-0 to approve the minutes of September 12 as written.

There were no guests to talk with the board about an item not on the agenda.

Field Facility Request:
Capital Soccer Club requested use of the soccer fields the week of June 19-23, 2017. Rouleau made a motion to approve Capital Soccer’s request for 2017, when payment for their 2016 camp is verified. Tracy Wright seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Maintenance Supervisor Report:
Dwight Coffrin handed out a written report, which he reviewed with the board. The board reminded staff to have a portable toilet brought to the big park when the water is shut-off. Coffrin reported Babe Ruth continues to play fall baseball and has interest in more games next fall. Farnham said officials from the VT Chapter of the ASA asked about Barre Town hosting a state softball tournament but it would mean making changes to the baseball field. Coffrin said he has a commitment from the town engineer for the week of October 17 to help check the baseball field lay out – base paths, foul poles and lines.

Fall Festival:
Wright reported: a) Boy Scouts will be selling burgers, hot dogs, baked goods and running the 50/50 raffle; b) The Pacquet Farm will donate cornstalks, 15 large pumpkins, gourds and small pumpkins (for the tic-tac-toe); c) Hannaford is donating candy; d) Al Rosa will be Speed Bump (mascot); e) Someone is demonstrating the cider press – Shaun Corbett to supply 6 milk crates for apples; f) James Carpenter’s BTMES class will conduct a scavenger hunt.

Rogers said DPW has many hay bales that could be used instead of possibly having to pay Pacquet Farm. The bales will be delivered the day before and stacked along the tree line behind the picnic shelter.

Smith said she’d arrange a catapult building activity.

Wright said there was no good luck arranging for a hay ride or music.

The LED lights (100) need to be ordered. Rogers will call Angelo Arnold to get order information and the office staff will order. Elmer’s glue also is needed for the lanterns.
The other town departments were asked to supply a few traffic cones and wooden barricades, a clicker (counter), small radios and a cash box with money.

Wright said she'd bring a few fire rings (portable fire pit) and firewood. Advertising needs to start. Front Porch Forum was mentioned. Staff was asked to laminate and post the 8 ½" x 11" posters.

**Photo Contest, Calendar:**

The board selected photos for the calendar. A decision about a stapled or spiral bound calendar hasn't been made. On the calendar the regular/usual holidays will be named. Other events to be noted include ice cream socials (Tuesdays from July 11-August 15), bulk trash collection, tax collection, election days. Content on any extra pages will focus on recreation: list of facilities with addresses, Recreation Board meeting nights, web page addresses, Facebook address, picnic shelter reservation information, other facility reservation process, QR code to forest trail map.

There was discussion about listing the Spring Festival on the calendar; it would create an obligation to have it. On a motion by Corbett, seconded by Gilbar, the board voted 6-0 in favor of listing the Spring Festival for June 3.

Timeline for producing the calendar was discussed. Distribution (sale) of calendar points were named: Fall Festival, town offices, some stories, VT Bike Shop, events and as a bulk sale to some clubs (Thunder Chickens, MTA).

The price of the calendar will be $2 over the cost to have printed. VT sales tax will be taken from the $2. The size of the order was not decided.

**Sledding Parties:**

Rouleau will check into St. Sylvester Cemetery giving permission to have the sledding hill on the cemetery property. The board liked the town property (farm field behind municipal building) shown on aerial photo #9 in their packet. The location will be selected next meeting.

**Winter Pickleball:**

Rouleau will work on getting the school's permission to have Sunday afternoon pickleball in the gym. Farnham said the only supply needed is tape. It was suggested a donation jar can be put out as some people were willing to pay for the opportunity to play pickleball. Helpers are needed. Someone will post a recruitment notice on Facebook. Possible dates for pickleball are January 15 to March 5. Hours would be 1 - 3:00 p.m.

There was no other business.

**Round Table:**

Rouleau said he did thank yous to Jet Service, Hannaford and Ben & Jerry's for the ice cream social help.

Corbett asked about the little league field-school property matter. He said he'll miss the next meeting.

Smith said while visiting the picnic shelter area to plan the Fall Festival she noticed the area Rouleau suggested for a dog park and thought it would work. She asked about the Brook Street Parking Area town forest sign. Rouleau said he asked the DRB to continue it until November because he will be away the day of the DRB's October meeting.
Farnham asked about the Upper Graniteville shelter. Rogers said Laurie Bernier said Andy Emerson wants to build it but is very busy now.

Wright showed a photo of two chairs and beer bottles along the Locomotion Trail. Wright said she'd contact Kevin Jacques of MTA. For next meeting she'd like to discuss possible future activities such as: snowshoeing, pruning, bee keeping and having a VT sampler day.

At 7:55 on a motion by Farnham, seconded by Corbett, the board voted without dissent to adjourn.

Recreation Board Members

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