The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a public meeting on Monday, March 7, 2016 at the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Board members present were: Doug Farham, Tracy Wright, Angelo Arnold, Dave Rouleau, Terry Smith, Shaun Corbett and Dave Smedy. Others present were: Elaine Wang, Jackie Jancaitis and Carl Rogers.

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

Shaun Corbett made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Dave Rouleau and approved by a 6-0 vote. (Dave Smedy was not present yet.)

On a motion by Terry Smith, seconded by Angela Arnold, the board voted unanimously to approve the February 1 meeting minutes as presented.

There were no guests to speak with the board about a matter not on the agenda.

Field Use

a) Millstone Relay - The Board telephoned Patrick Hackleman of Casco Bay Sports. His business sponsors and conducts the Millstone Relay event in the town forest. The event will be on Saturday, July 30. The course loop is about $6^{\text{A}}$ to 6 miles long. There will be single riders and relay teams of 2 or 3 riders. The number of riders is capped at 150. Mr. Hackleman and his team arrive on Thursday to set up camp on Pierre Couture’s field across from the lodge (Hackleman said he has talked to Couture and has permission.) On Friday they mark the course and some riders do some course familiarization. Since they plan to finish at 6:00 p.m. Saturday night some sign or marker removal will be done that night. The remainder of the tape, signs and markers would be removed Sunday morning.

When asked about past issues and emergency services Hackleman said in the past other trail users get onto the course and say they didn’t know about the event. In the past he talked to the EMS Director about emergency medical services. He will contact the EMS Director again.

On a motion by Rouleau, seconded by Smith, the Board voted 7-0 to approve Casco Bay Sports’ Millstone Relay on July 30 with set up on July 29.

b) Heritage 5K Trail Run - Jackie Jancaitis representing ReHab Gym was present for this item. She said this race does not cross any public roads. They expect about 30 runners. Volunteers will be along the course. Signs will mark the course. Registration and parking would be at the 44 Brook Street parking area. She requests use of the parking area and forest trails from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The race starts at 10:00 a.m.

On a motion by Rouleau, seconded by Smedy, the Board voted unanimously to approve ReHab Gym's (in partnership with the Central Vermont Runners) use of the 44 Brook Street parking area and forest trails on Sunday, July 31.

c) BTMES - Third Grade - The Board voted unanimously to approve Corbett's motion, seconded by Tracy Wright, to reserve use of the track, soccer field and picnic shelter for BTMES' third grade outing on either June 7 or 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., depending on weather.
Trow Hill Playground - Elaine Wang was present for this item. She asked if there was a possibility a local trucking company would pick up play equipment in PA and bring it to Barre Town. Corbett offered to ask Bellavance Trucking. Wang will get information about the load and pick up location in Pennsylvania.

Wang reported on Design day at the Library. There was almost no turnout.
She said the Community Build is scheduled for May 21 and 22. Anglea Valentinetti and Wang started canvassing the neighborhood spreading the word about the work sessions. She said she took 10 sign-ups while canvassing. More outreach effort will be made.

The latest playground plan and three options for a toddler structure were handed out.
Input was provided on three toddler structure options. The Board advised Wang to find out if the existing swing set frame could be used for the tire swing and whether we could supply our own tire. Regarding a play tube and treehouse, Wang and Arnold will meet separately to plan. The Board discussed what material to use for the ADA path. Corbett recommended rap (recycled crushed asphalt), of which the Town has a supply and should not pose a problem for mowing the surrounding grass. Wang will discuss this with the DPW Superintendent. This material requires a level base. Hiring a sidewalk paver might make the path more even. This issue will be revisited as the path will not be installed until after the equipment is installed.

Security concerns of neighbors were discussed. Famham recommended Wang contact the Police Chief and ask for more patrols. The Board encourages neighbors to report suspicious activity to the police.

Regarding Trow Hill volunteers staffing concessions at the Spring into Summer Festival for fundraising, Wright and the Festival sub-committee advised that it would take a lot of prep work and would be challenging to make successful in combination with the volunteer recruitment for the Community Build. All agreed the concessions would be organized by Kiwanis. A change jar for Trow Hill Playground will be at concessions. Wang will have Trow Hill volunteers organize some other activity, e.g. bake sale and/or 50/50 raffle. Lawson's donated food could be used to feed Community Build Weekend volunteers.

Egg Hunt - Farnham reported on the meeting with Barre City Recreation Board. He said they city decided to move the hunt back to Charlie's Playground near the city pool. He said Stephanie Quaranta said the city recreation department is all set with the event. The hunt is on March 26.

Festival - Wright reported VT Fish and Wildlife and VT Agency of Natural Resources will have tables at the Festival. ANR will offer information and demonstration about composting. Crafters have been calling about tables and asking about signing up. By consensus the Board set the crafter space fee at $20 for a 10' space. Hostesses, such as Pampered Chef and Mary Kay, will be charged $30. A waiver agreement needs to be part of the crafters registration form.

A waiver, signed by parents is needed for the B Rex Challenge registration form, too.
Arnold noted the volunteers t-shirts from Gildan On-line will cost $1.71. Norwich University will print the shirts. He asked about radios. Rogers will check with DPW about small (flagger) radios.
Smith asked about a clicker/counter. Rogers will check with DPW. Tables were discussed. Rogers said the town office and fire department don't like their tables going out because of damage. Rouleau said the Thunder Chickens have about 10 older folding tables. The Board thinks it may need 25.
Smith reported Spaulding High School has about 15 student volunteers. She will call Websterville Baptist School. She knows about Williamstown High School's community service requirement.

The Board discussed layout of Festival activities and tables using a plan prepared by the working group. Although no use of the picnic shelter is planned the Board asked that it not be reserved.
by any other group that day. The Kiwanis will be offered the food concession. Wright will email Randy Treis of the Kiwanis. Rogers will tell Nancy Martin (Kiwanis) she doesn't need to attend the April Board meeting.

**April Scheduling Meeting** - The Board decided to invite groups to submit requests for anything that starts before mid-August. All known past users should be notified. The letter should ask the users to provide a schedule and to attend the April 4 meeting. Field use fees will be $10 per team per game and $25 per night the softball field lights are used and $35 per night for the baseball field.

**Workshop Ideas** - The members' ideas are attached to these minutes.

**Other Business** - There was no Other Business.

**'Round Table** - Farnham reviewed the recreation budget request and manager's recommended budget to the Budget Committee. Corbett said the little league field needs a lot of work. Rogers reviewed the history of the field. It predates the park, and is excluded from the Town School, Recreation Board agreement because the local little league group built and maintained it. It was agreed communication with BCB is needed.

Smedy asked about the photo contest. He said Jeff Blow will accept photographs and is waiting for pictures from Samantha Ryan. Smith asked if the Times-Argus could be involved. The Board felt she could ask the Times-Argus photographers about being involved. There was discussion about what would be printed on the calendar (town events?). The group consensus was to promote Barre Town Recreation. Photos could show any Barre Town Recreation property. The photos would be for the 2017 calendar. Photos don't have to be specific to the month taken but might be categorized by season rather than month.

Rouleau said he was contacted by Andrew Powell of Green Mountain Disc Golf Assoc. They want to have a tournament on the Quarries Disc Golf course on May 28, 2016. GMDGA will be placed on the April meeting agenda.

He asked about the ice cream socials. The Board picked Tuesday nights starting with July 12. They will have one each week for 6 consecutive weeks. The order is: Lower Graniteville, South Barre, East Barre, Upper Graniteville, Upper Websterville and Trow Hill. Rouleau will contact Ben and Jerry's, HP Hood and Hannaford's about donations.

He said Darren Ohl, owner of the new bike shop in Barre City is planning a bike event that would start in Barre Town and go into Barre City for the finish.

He asked about house or street numbers on all playgrounds. There was discussion about the playground numbers being on the large rules signs. He will check the minutes of a meeting last year. This matter is to be on the next meeting agenda.

He presented several options for a 2' x 5' vinyl banner. He has a quote of $85 from Bevins and Sons. On a motion by Wright, seconded by Corbett, the Board voted to buy a banner from Bevins or possibly Jet Service Envelope.

He asked if the town forest could have a sign. He again showed his proto-type. There was discussion about appropriateness for the neighborhood and need to very obviously let people know that this is the forest parking area. This matter also is to be on the next agenda.

Smith told the board the Times-Argus would like to have a 3-on-3 basketball tournament on June 11.

Arnold said he was interested in conducting little league tournaments after the season, possibly for the All-Star teams that have lost and no longer are playing. The field and its present condition was discussed again.
Wright asked about the Recreation Department's Facebook page. Someone has posted messages on it very recently. The question is who has access to or has administration rights to the page?

At 9:30 p.m. on a motion by Corbett, seconded by Smith, the meeting adjourned without dissent.