Town of Barre
Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
January 4, 2016

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a public meeting on Monday, January 4, 2016 at the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Board members present were: Doug Farham, Tracy Wright, Dave Rouleau, Terry Smith, Shaun Corbett and Dave Smedy. Also present were: Elaine Wang, Kim Kiniry, Corey Touchette, Nathan Reigner, Angela Valentinetti and Carl Rogers.

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

The board voted unanimously (Dave Smedy was not present) to approve the agenda as presented, after a motion by Dave Rouleau and seconded by Tracy Wright.

On a motion by Terry Smith, seconded by Rouleau, the board voted unanimously (Smedy was not present for vote) to approve the December 7, 2015 meeting minutes as presented. There were no guests to speak out with the board about a matter not on the agenda.

Field Use Reservations
5a. Kim Kiniry was present. Kim represents Central Vermont Medical Center (CVMC) and requested approval to use the Millstone Hill West Bike Path for a Susan G. Komen 5K run on September 10, 2016. She said they expect about 50 participants. The race would start 9:30. She requests use of the picnic shelter from about 8:00 a.m. to noon. Rogers pointed out that the Barre Town Spring Run 5K finishes on the track. The event would be a fund-raiser for the Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. On a motion by Rouleau, seconded by Wright, the board voted unanimously to approve use of the bike path, track and picnic shelter for CVMC’s Susan G. Komen 5K on September 10, 2016 and waive the $50 shelter fee.

5b. Corey Touchette was present to request use of the Barre Town Recreation Area on March 4-6th for the winter charity softball tournament. Play would start at 6:00 p.m. on Friday night and finish Sunday afternoon. The number of teams would be capped at 80 but he expects 70-75 teams. They would use the 4 fields at night and 6 during the day Saturday. Last year Freezing Fun For Families (FFFF) raised $33,000. Rouleau moved that the board approve FFFF’s request to use the BTRA on March 4-6 and that the town would donate use of the field lights. Smith seconded the motion which was approved by a 6-0 vote.

6a. Nathan Reigner, representing Millstone Trail Association (MTA), presented a draft of a winter trail map. The draft map showed MTA’s trails both in the town forest and on private property. The map showed snowmobile trails, shared use trails and MTA trails for winter biking, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing. Farham asked about signs for the shared use trails. Reigner said he envisions posting “ride to the right” signs. There was a discussion about how MTA could/would keep fat tire bike riders off snowmobile trails outside of the MTA network. Reigner said the trails MTA grooms will be open to all users. Corbett and Rouleau emphasized concern about bikers and snowmobiler conflicts on the trails.

6b. Farham reviewed the discussion he initiated at the December board meeting. Reigner said paying MTA on a 1/10 mile basis was “false precision”. Corbett suggested MTA measure the different routes
or trails and distances would be used per grooming of the network or part of network. Rogers asked what trails the board was thinking about to pay to be groomed. Farnham said he thought every trail shown is red. Reigner said the distance from MTA network to the Millstone Hill west path would not be included in the mileage. Farnham asked that the board discuss this again next month. Reigner will bring mileage figures next month.

7. Reigner said he was a bit surprised the board approved the Millstone Grind on May 15th. The board pointed out it was approved with the condition that it could be cancelled. Reigner said he’d like there to be a town/MTA guideline for when the trails are open or closed. It was decided this should be discussed at a future meeting. Vermont Mountain Bike Association might have a model guideline. Corbett suggested MTA trail master Kevin Jacques be asked to attend meeting when this is discussed. Reigner asked about MTA using the dynamite shack for storage. With that MTA will need a key for the Violette street gate. Rogers pointed out the agreement with MTA will need to be amended. On a motion by Rouleau, and seconded by Corbett, the board voted unanimously to approve MTA ’s use of the dynamite shack with the condition that MTA minimize traffic and avoid outdoor storage.

8. Elaine Wang presented bid information (from Ulti-Play and Pettinelli Associates), photos of apparatus bid and a proposed plan (from Ulti-play). She reviewed the bids and pointed out Ulti-play’s bid would include a $1,900 shipping fee while Pettinelli’s did not have a separate shipping fee. There is not enough money in the current budget to install the magic dragon apparatus and buy everything on the bid list. Wang reported on the grant sources she had found, but none would provide immediate help.

   After discussion of the items and two bids Farnham moved, and Smith seconded, that the board recommend the town purchase from Ulti-play the spring rider ($658); six belt swings ($552); one accessible swing ($595), the cruise line ($7,600); community build installation help ($1200) and shipping ($1,900) for a total of $14,305. The board approved the motion 6-0.

   Wang noted additional work (phase 2) is estimated to cost $20,605. Angela Valentinette will ask Ed Bisson if he’d sell Barre Town Recreation Area t-shirts.

9. Tracy Wright, Smith and Angelo Arnold agreed to meet and work on the Spring Festival. Wright reported she is waiting to hear from the woman who would provide pony rides. Alexis Dexter would do face painting and balloons and would charge $25 for first hour and $10 for hours after that. The hours of the festival would be 10 am to 2 pm. Smith said she is thinking about what to give to the Skills Challenge participants as a score card. The board discussed prizes; state prizes for the first 100 participants? Rouleau is contacting the Kiwanis member who organized the Touch a Truck Event. Smedy offered to check with Real Bounce. On a motion by Wright, seconded by Rouleau, the board voted 6-0 to hire Alexis Dexter to do face painting and balloons for 4 hours.

10. The board started discussing its FY17 budget request. The board decided to hold a special meeting on January 13 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the budget request.

11. Rouleau reported all plans are set for the pickleball clinic on January 10 and thereafter.

12. There was no other business.

13. Corbett asked if the logging started yet? Rogers reported it had not. Rouleau said the disc sales have profited $293 so far. Linda Mercy asked to be on the February meeting agenda. Wright asked about a shed on a grout pile behind the Westererville Fire District office/pump station. She said the
town forest has been entered into the LL Bean recreation/forest locator. She’d like to discuss winter workshops next meeting. Farnham said Kelly Cleveland wants FTP be on the February agenda.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm on motion by Corbett, and seconded, by Smith.

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