Town of Barre
Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2016

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a public meeting on Monday, September 12, 2016 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Board members present were: Doug Farham, Terry Smith, Tracy Wright, Angelo Arnold and Mike Gilbar. Also present were town manager Carl Rogers and maintenance supervisor Dwight Coffrin.

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

Doug Farnham suggested moving item 9, Maintenance Supervisor’s report up to follow item 5, Field, Facility Use. Terry Smith made and Tracy Wright seconded, a motion to approve the written agenda with the suggested re-ordering. The board voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

On a motion by Smith, seconded by Mike Gilbar, the board voted unanimously to approve the August 1, 2016 meeting minutes as presented.

There were no guests.

5. Field Use:
5a. Babe Ruth Baseball – Shawn Stabell, representing Babe Ruth Baseball (not connected with Barre Community Baseball) requested use of the baseball field on August 28, September 18, October 2 and October 16. Following a motion by Smith, seconded by Wright, the board voted all in favor of approving Babe Ruth Baseball’s use of the field on those four Sundays.

5b. Chelsea Senior Baseball – Shortly after the August meeting Chelsea Senior Baseball requested use of the baseball field on August 7 at 10:00 a.m. Wright made a motion to approve Chelsea Senior Baseball’s request retroactively. Gilbar seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote.

5c. Mad River Valley Senior Baseball – On a motion by Wright, seconded by Gilbar, to approve Mad River Senior Baseball’s use of the baseball field on August 26 and September 6 the board voted 5-0 in favor.

5d. Library-Forest Storytime – Marianne Kotch and the Aldrich Library requested permission to use the Brook Street parking lot and town forest for a forest storytime. Aldrich Library’s children librarian, Ian Gauthier, will lead the walk and storytime. Date is September 24 and time is 2:00 – 2:45ish p.m. Wright’s motion, seconded by Smith to approve the September 24 storytime in the forest was approved without dissent.

Maintenance Supervisor’s Report – Dwight Coffrin distributed his written report and reviewed it with the board. He asked about budget requests for next year. Farnham said the board would start discussing it at the November meeting.

Fall Festival – Wright read off a number of commitments she obtained. Ian Gauthier will lead the guided walk with lanterns lighting the path. The Paquette Farm is donating use of the hay bales for the children’s maze and for the pumpkin bowling. (Bales to be returned.) TLC is donating mums. Alexis Dexter will do face-painting again. Shaun Corbett is responsible for providing apples for the cider press demonstrations. The cook-off was put on the back burner for a year. There was discussion about the 50/50
raffle and bake sale. Could a partner group handle the raffle? The Boy Scouts were mentioned for selling drinks and baked goods. Rogers will contact the fire department auxiliary about doing the bake sale and raffle. Wright said there was one more possibility for horse drawn hay wagon rides. Apple bobbing was dropped as a possible activity. Pumpkin coloring will be part of the crafts where children could color and assemble their lantern. She also said one more attempt would be made to line up live music. Several board members will meet near the picnic shelter Thursday, September 15 at 6:00 pm to discuss plans.

**Photo Contest** – Smith reported about 15 people sent in photos. Most were sending 2 or 3 pictures. Farnham asked staff to check Maureen Casey’s website photo files for pictures he sent. Smith said it looked like there weren’t many fall and winter pictures. The board members decided they’d do the judging.

**Sledding Parties** – The big question is where would the sledding parties be held. The St. Sylvester Cemetery field was suggested again. Smith said she thinks areas of the Wilson Industrial Park might work. The board asked about other town properties. Rogers will get a list of all town land. Smith pointed out if the sledding hill is good people will return to use it on days the board isn’t sponsoring a party. That might be a concern for private landowners. The board thought offering one party per month in early January, February and March would be a good goal. They would try to offer hot chocolate and fire roasted hog dogs. Farnham suggested not allowing runner sleds as a safety precaution. Rogers will try to arrange a time several board members and he could meet to look at potential sites.

There was no other business.

Under ‘Round the Table, Gilbar commented planters by Rock of Ages looked good. He mentioned some planks in the historic pony truss bridge will need to be replaced. Smith commented the Trow Hill Playground paved path looks good. Farnham said the Trow Hill swings were shipped today.

On a motion by Gilbar, seconded by Smith, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:30 pm.