The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a special public meeting on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Board members present were: Doug Farnham, Tracy Wright, Dave Rouleau, Terry Smith, Shaun Corbett and Dave Smedy. Also present was town manager Carl Rogers.

Chairman Doug Farnham called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

This was a special meeting for the sole purpose of discussing the Board’s FY ’16-’17 budget request. Rogers distributed copies of the current year Recreation Division budget and the year-to-date Recreation Division budget report. He explained the categories of budget expense accounts. As he explained the purpose or use of individual accounts, Doug Farnham read from a list of the Board’s budget priorities.

The Board would like more maintenance help and someone who could be at the recreation area in the evening to make decisions about playing on the fields (e.g. softball). Work hours of 1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. late April through August were discussed. The tennis lesson instructor’s stipend and the handy man/repair man’s hours also need to be shown in the wage account.

The board would like to budget for a wind screen (tarp) to be placed on the softball field backstop. Also in account .326 they requested money for a granite Welcome to Town Forest sign. The speed dry line item could be revised to include puddle pads.

In the Program Expenses account the board asked for camp scholarships, Spring Festival, winter trail grooming, and miscellaneous program money, in addition to the egg hunt and youth track money already in the account.

The Capital Improvements account is to stay the same at $15,000 to be used for the Trow Hill playground.

The Board would like to have the softball field lights re-wired. The work would include laying conduit around the outside of the field to every pole, pulling new electric wires through the conduit and hiring an electrician to tie the new wire to the existing wires on the poles.

The Board asked that the porta-let at 44 Brook Street be changed to a handicap accessible unit, to make it easier for people to change. The Board also asked to have a porta-let at the big park for a month in the fall after water is shut off and restrooms closed.

The Board asked that full reconstruction of the softball field backstop, from gate to gate be included in their request.

Rogers informed the Board the building painting work is estimated to cost about $4,500. The Recreation Division needs many recycling receptacles to be set out next to every trash can. He also plans to add an expense for a contractor to maintain landscape areas in the parks.
The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Recreation Board Members

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