

**Town of Barre
Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2019**

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a public meeting on Monday, March 4, 2019 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Board members present were: Doug Farnham, Dave Rouleau, Terry Smith, Mike Gilbar, Rolland Tessier, and Stacey Lynds. Also present were Moriah Fraga, Shawn Stabell of American Legion Post 10 baseball, David Christiansen of the Barre Men's Softball League, and assistant town manager Elaine Wang.

Chair Farnham called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

The Board re-ordered the agenda. Rouleau made a motion to accept the agenda with those changes. Gilbar seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Gilbar noted two typos to the minutes. Tessier made a motion to approve the February 4, 2019 minutes with those corrections. Gilbar seconded and the Board approved 6-0.

5. Facility Requests –

a) American Legion requested use of the baseball field for around fifteen, 7-inning games for their 15-19 year old program, a waiver of associated fees, and for the field to be lined. They provided a draft schedule and noted they had also requested use of the Spaulding High School baseball field. Rouleau made a motion to approve the request for games not past July 23, 2019 and to waive the fees, contingent on receipt of a certificate of insurance. Tessier seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

3. Guests – At this point the Rec Board introduced those present to Moriah Fraga, who was interested in applying to serve on the Rec Board and attended the meeting to observe.

5. Facility Requests continued -

b) Pierre Couture requested use of the town forest for Rockfire June 28-29, 2019 for similar activities as Rockfire 2018. Smith made a motion to approve the request contingent on receipt of certificate of insurance, and to recommend the Selectboard impose conditions to pick up luminaries, and pick up or scatter firewood, whether burned or unburned. Gilbar seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

c) Pierre Couture requested use of the town forest for Fallfire September 28, 2019, for similar activities as last year for Fallfire. Gilbar made a motion to approve the request contingent on receipt of certificate of insurance, and to recommend the Selectboard impose conditions to pick up luminaries, and pick up or scatter firewood, whether burned or unburned. Tessier seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

d) Spaulding High School Football requested use of most of the Rec Area on July 7 for a 7-vs.-7 and lineman challenge. Tessier made a motion to approve the request contingent on receipt of certificate of insurance, to waive the fees, and that placement of events be agreed to by the Rec Supervisor. Rouleau seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

e) Other: There were no other facility use requests.

6. Spring into Summer Festival – The Board provided updates on their progress and furthered plans for the festival.

7. Rec Area Ordinance – The Board discussed concerns brought up by the Rec Area Guidelines working group and draft language to address those concerns. Wang relayed input from Town Attorney Mike Monte and Police Chief Dodge. The Board heard input from Christiansen. The Board reiterated their interest in promoting responsible behavior, reducing the Town's liability, and reducing litter from the leagues. By consensus, the Board indicated they were comfortable with the intent of the draft language and directed Wang to get input from the town attorney on the language.

8. Picnic Shelter Fee Waiver – The Board voted to waive the picnic shelter fee for the Dog Park yard sale fundraiser on June 22, 2019.

8. **Freezing Fun for Families** – Farnham and Rouleau relayed their experience of the event. Farnham provided feedback for the future.

9. **Community Service Learning Project** – The Board considered a request by a Barre Town Middle School Student for a project he would undertake to improve the Little League Field. They discussed the long-term plans for the field structures. The Board indicated they were happy to see this interest, and directed Wang to suggest the student consider repainting the dugout.

10. **Dog Park Agreement** –The agreement with the Dog Park Organizers expires June 30, 2019. The Board discussed revisions to reflect the experience, concerns, and activity of the past year. They agreed by consensus on revisions to be drafted for their next meeting.

11. **Pickleball** – Members of the Board had expressed concerns about the high dollar quote of the outdoor pickleball court conversion project. Wang provided a quote from a second vendor, Advantage Tennis, for rehabilitating the tennis courts and converting two of them into six pickleballs courts. The total came to \$28,500 which was higher than the quote they received from VT Tennis for \$11,620. Farnham asked whether there was that amount to spare in the current year budget. Wang replied that there was not. The Rec Board then discussed ideas for raising money for the project based on the first quote. They directed Wang to research grants and agreed to think more about fundraising ideas before the next meeting, in particular how to make a Calcutta and silent auction successful. Rouleau indicated that he would have no interest in doing any further fundraising, including a Calcutta, also asked for that amount to be put in the FY19-20 budget request.

12. **Egg Hunt** – Rouleau reported out on his discussions with Stephanie Quaranta, the Barre City Recreation Director with whom the town has historically partnered on the egg hunt. The event is set for April 20, 2019. Responsibilities were discussed. Rouleau requested that consideration of spending for special prizes be added to the next meeting agenda.

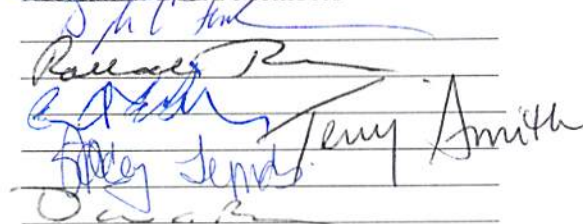
13. **Sledding Party** – The Board discussed their availability and decided not to hold a sledding party on Saturday March 9 or Sunday March 10. Lynds shared that she knew of many people who were using the hill after seeing on Facebook that it was available. The Board directed Wang to post it on Facebook again.

14. **Other Business** - There was no other business for a matter not on the agenda.

15. **'Round the Table** – Gilbar shared that the Rec capital plan was now on the cloud, which would make work on it by him and Wang easier, and that work on it continues. Tessier indicated he was willing to help with product for the Egg Hunt. Smith asked about placing a cigarette butt holder at the Rec Area; other members of the Board indicated they felt that would convey the wrong message. Lynds asked for the Board's interest in co-hosting an Open Gym at the Barre Town School. They were interested, and Rouleau volunteered to work on it further with Lynds. Lynds also asked if the Board was interested in Head Start providing activities at the ice cream socials; Head Start would clean up from those activities. The Board was interested.

At 9:35pm on a motion by Tessier, seconded by Gilbar, the Board voted 6-0 to adjourn.

Recreation Board Members



Handwritten signatures of Recreation Board Members on a set of lines. The signatures are: John Lynds, Rouleau, Wang, Tessier, and Smith.