

Town of Barre Recreation Board January 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, January 8, 2024, starting at 6:00pm. The meeting was held in Conference Room #3 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Board Members present included: David Rouleau, Annette Neddo, Carol Hebert, Anastasia Douglas, Larry Rogacki, in addition to new Board member Laura Ireland.. Absent: Amanda Gray. Also present at this meeting: Recreation Director Johnny Crossley, Members of the public: Mary and Gene Roosa, Scott Dolan, Alan Kessler, and Jill Wilkinson.

1. **Call to Order:** Interim Chair David Rouleau called the meeting to order at **6:09pm**.
2. **Consider Approving Agenda:** Larry Rogacki made a motion to approve of the Agenda as presented, Annette Neddo seconded the motion. Agenda approved 6-0.
3. **Consider Approving December 4th Meeting Minutes:** Carol Hebert made a motion to approve of the meeting minutes with three changes: 1. Meeting Agenda should read, "Meeting Minutes." 2. Add "VTWins will keep cookshack overnight at their own risk and pick it up the next morning, as discussed." 3. Add that the Central Vermont Runners were allotted the time of "7 -11:30am" the day of their approved race event. Larry Rogacki seconded the motion. No discussion. Minutes approved with three changes 5-0-1, Laura Ireland abstained.
4. **Public Input (for non-agenda items):** Several members of the public attended the Recreation Board meeting both in person and remotely.
 - a. Mary and Gene Roosa (attending remotely) as members of the public. Nothing to add at this time. Attending the Board meeting to listen and get a feel for the Board's activities.
 - b. Scott Dolan and Alan Kessler (attending in-person) came before the Board to discuss field use and creating a "Soccer Fall Jamboree" event. Intention of Soccer Jamboree is to host under 8s and under 10s (competitive) soccer 7v7 tournaments at the Recreation Area. The group would care to coordinate the Soccer Jamboree with the Recreation Department to offer it during the Town's Fall Festival Event.
5. **Restructuring of the Recreation Board – Ongoing Conversation:**
 - a. The Board welcomed its newest member, Laura Ireland. Laura and her daughter moved to Barre Town a year ago from Newport, Oregon where she was the Director of the County Animal Shelter. She has been involved in outdoor and indoor recreation all of her life and currently coaches Spaulding High School's Cross Country Team. HS XC Coach. Each Board member shared their own backstory with Laura as well.
 - b. David Rouleau recognized other members of the public present and gave them a moment to introduce themselves. Jill Wilkinson (attending in-person), a member of the public who applied to be a Board member, moved to Barre Town on Nov 15, 2023 from Warren, Vermont. Mary Roosa (attending remotely), a member of the public, just recently closed on a house with her Husband Gene in Barre Town back in October of 2023. They were delighted to see the beautiful recreation facilities right down the road from their house. They recognize recreation builds a sense of community.

- c. Interim Chair David Rouleau expressed that he would accept a nomination for Chair of the Board and serve through the end of the term, May 2024. Carol Hebert made a motion to nominate and elect David Rouleau for the position of Chair of the Board. Annette Neddo seconded the motion, 6-0, approved. Annette Neddo made a motion to nominate and elect Carol Hebert to serve as Vice Chair. Larry Rogacki seconded the motion, 6-0, approved.

6. Address Barclay Quarry Road Resident Complaint about Town Forest Parking:

- a. A resident of Barclay Quarry Road came before the Selectboard last October to express their concerns with activities occurring at night next to their property at the Town Forest parking area. Town Manager Chris Violette asked Director Crossley to bring the concerns to the attention of the Recreation Board for potential considerations and solutions. The following ideas were discussed:
 - i. Lighting the parking lot.
 - ii. Town Forest Rules posted on a sign before the parking lot.
 - iii. Sign "Area under surveillance." Install a surveillance camera.
 - iv. Sign "No loitering."
 - v. Research if Conservation Easement that governs the Town Forest includes anything about the Town Forest use being limited from dawn to dusk and/or other pertinent information that might help

7. Corridor Manager Report:

- a. Barre Town Thunder Chickens – David Rouleau, President of the Thunder Chickens Snowmobile Club, represented the club. They are 1 of 11 volunteer snowmobile clubs in Washington County. In recent years, they surpassed the Snowbees as the club with the most members in the County. There are currently 355 members. The Town Forest Conservation Easement requires a Corridor Management Agreement with any entity that utilizes trail corridors within the Forest. A CMA between the Town and Thunder Chickens was signed in 2013. The Agreement was supposed to be revisited in a year's time, however, an updated CMA has not been created and signed since the original. David Rouleau is working with Town Manager and Recreation Director to put an updated CMA in place. The Thunder Chickens go before Selectboard annually before their season begins to request landowner permission. CMA is a requirement of the Town Forest Conservation Easement. to set an official CMA in place. David expressed there is also a need for a formal arrangement for CMA holders to use the 44 Brook street Town Forest parking lot garage. CMA holders have been using the garage to store maintenance equipment free of charge with caveat they maintain the building. Town provides electric and water.
- b. Quarries Disc Golf – Established in 2013 after the inception of the Town Forest. Brought whole new clientele into the forest. Players track on app or play for fun. Private donations sponsored tee development. To add stairs on 11th tee would need to be approved by VLT and Recreation Board. CMA expires June 30, 2024. Board members should review and send considerations to Director Crossley before renewal.

8. Review Draft Policies and Set Work Deadline – Ongoing Conversation:

- a. Facility Use Policy and Fees – Carol Hebert made a motion to create a subcommittee to review field use policy and fees with the intention to finish their

work and have a report due by the March 4, 2024 meeting of the Recreation Board. Annette Neddo seconded the motion, 6-0, approved. Subcommittee members include: David Rouleau, Laura Ireland, and Larry Rogacki. Director Crossley will administer the subcommittee.

- b. Recreation Board Charge: Board members must review the Charge, make notes, and edit as they see fit. Each member must send their Charge to Director Crossley before the next meeting of the Board. Director Crossley will distribute each member's notes to the rest of the Board for review. Members will come to the February 5th Board meeting prepared to collaborate their notes and finalize a Charge to be recommended to the Selectboard for adoption.

9. Consider Recreational Events and Offerings: In the interest of time, it was agreed to table this Agenda item discussion until the next meeting.

- a. *Brainstorming ideas*
- b. *2024 Draft Calendar*
- c. *Maintaining a Volunteer List*

10. Updates from the Recreation Director:

- a. RTP Grant: Director Crossley submitted the RTP Preapplication for the Littlejohn Road Parking lot expansion project. Received confirmation today that Barre Town has been invited to submit a full application. Deadline is February 11, 2024.
- b. LLF Fence / Baseball Lighting: Little League fencing appears to be near completion. Director encouraged Board members who haven't yet seen it to check it out.
- c. Budget Season Update: Director Crossley discussed considerations for budget season and asked Board members to share their considerations. Members of the Board expressed a desire to light up the Basketball and Volleyball courts.

11. 'Round the Table

- a. Larry Rogacki: Amazed at how much the Recreation Board covers. This month's Agenda seemed like four months worth.
- b. Anastasia Douglas: Had to leave early to put her kids to bed.
- c. Annette Neddo: Following up on the Facility Fee Study Director Crossley shared, Barre City does not charge woman's softball league, maybe why Barre City has no fee schedule posted on their website.
- d. Laura Ireland: Nothing to add at this time.
- e. David – Invited to School Board meeting tonight to discuss use of school facilities, however, could not attend due to Recreation Board meeting. Why do I have to pay for facility for nonprofit Thunder Chickens fundraiser to fundraise for nonprofit skatepark? Hoping it will get brought up at the school board meeting tonight, regardless of his ability to attend. VT Senior Games (50+) will host a competitive Championship Qualifying Singles and a for fun competitive doubles on June 1st and 2nd in Barre Town. Their August Tournament is in Colchester, but in 2025 will flip flop dates with Barre Town. Violette Street bridge/VAST bridge maintained by Thunder Chickens. Old rail bed bridge, VAST originally decked it before inception of the Forest and 10-15 years ago re-decked it. Member of the Town Diane Solomon reached out about bridge being taped off with orange tape. VAST has had bridge before Forest inception and only care about Winter use. Question if multi-use exist now from Millstone Trails use of the trails all 4-

seasons, then who's responsibility is it to upkeep? Can Town and MTA help VAST? As a Snowmobile bridge it is at the end of its life. About \$13k to fix. Club has hard time making that investment with a reroute being easier and more cost effective. The reason it is taped off is to keep snowmobiles off the bridge. The Snowmobile groomer can't go over the bridge safely, hence end of bridge life for snowmobiles. Ask Town do you want us to un-deck bridge or does another entity want to take ownership/responsibility for the bridge? Infrastructure underneath the decking does not support grooming equipment.

12. Set Tentative Agenda for Next Meeting: *February 5th*

- a. Revisit "Rec Board Charge," Agenda item 9a, 9b, 9c, update from Subcommittee, considerations for upcoming events, and Playground/Recreation Area Rules.

13. Adjourn: On a motion by Laura Ireland, seconded by Carol Hebert, the Board voted to adjourn, 5-0. **9:20pm**

Proposed
2024 Barre Fall Classic Soccer Tournament

Hosted by the Town of Barre Recreation Department, BYSA & BASA

Location: Town of Barre Fields

Date: Saturday and Sunday in October coinciding with the Rec Department's Fall Festival.

Participants: *U8 & U10 Boy and Girl 7 v7 teams from Barre and surrounding communities (U8 is noncompetitive, meaning no first place winners)

Patch Tournament: Teams exchange patches at the end of games.

Needed Infrastructure: Fields, goals, balls, referees, medical, parking, Tournament Committee

Sources of Revenue: Team registration fees, vendors, food carts, clothing (sweatshirts and Ts)

Purpose of Tournament: To raise funds to help with field maintenance; BYSA and BASA programs. Heighten Barre's soccer presence in central Vermont.

2024 is a trial program. If successful, 2025 expands to adding U12 teams.

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Corridor Management Agreement
between the Town of Barre and _____

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 20__ by and between the Town of Barre and _____.

WHEREAS: on _____, 2012, the Town of Barre created a Barre Town Forest Management Plan for the Barre Town Forest which requires Corridor Managers to enter into Corridor Management Agreements,

WHEREAS: _____ is a non-profit organization (describe mission)

WHEREAS: The Barre Town Forest contains _____ opportunities that complement and enhance the other uses of the Forest;

WHEREAS: the Conservation Easement on the Barre Town Forest allows _____ if managed in accordance with the restrictions in the Conservation Easement and in accordance with the Town Forest Management Plan;

WHEREAS: the Town of Barre and _____ consider it mutually advantageous to cooperate with the development and maintenance of _____ trails on the Barre Town Forest.

NOW THEREFORE:

A. The TOWN OF BARRE HEREBY AGREES TO:

1. Grant permission for the building, maintenance, and use of _____ trails (designated on the attached map) on the Barre Town Forest.
2. Work with and provide technical assistance and pertinent information to aid _____ in locating, developing, maintaining and encouraging appropriate use of the designated trails, provided that the Town shall not be obligated to provide assistance beyond that allocated in its budget.
3. Notify _____ when it is determined that trails are in need of repair or maintenance that should be addressed, provided, however, that the Town shall not be obligated to inspect the trails, and shall not be liable except for its own actions.
4. Notify _____ when timber harvest, events, or other activities may necessitate temporary closure of some trails.
5. The Town of Barre shall from time to time amend the existing Management Plan. Said plan shall provide for the recreational access, use and management of the Barre Town Forest. The Town of Barre shall provide _____ with a copy of these plans and shall inform _____ of any proposed changes to the Plan.

B. _____ HEREBY AGREES TO:

1. Act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees of the Town of Barre. The _____ shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Town of Barre from all claims, suits, or demands for payment for all members, affiliates, or agents of _____ and any other users of the trails. Further, _____ shall annually provide the Town of Barre a Certificate of Insurance showing liability insurance coverage of at least _____, and that such

- coverage shall name the Town of Barre as an additional insured.
2. Obtain and maintain, at its own expense, all permits or licenses required to construct, install, maintain, and manage the _____ trails and shall not violate the terms or conditions of any of those permits, licenses or regulations.
 3. Be responsible for the construction of the _____ at its own expense. Excavation, filling, grading and the reestablishment of vegetation will be done to the Town of Barre's satisfaction. No excavation, filling or grading on the Barre Town Forest will be done unless it is approved in writing, in advance, by the Recreation Board or other agent of the Town of Barre.
 4. Conduct all maintenance and construction projects using the best available management techniques and practices such as those described in _____. Trails will be maintained in a condition satisfactory to the Recreation Board or other agent of the Town of Barre.
 5. _____ shall not use herbicides, pesticides, growth inhibitors, or other toxic chemicals on the property.
 6. Submit an annual (month) trail conditions report and proposed yearly work plans to the Town of Barre.
 7. Educate trail users about personal safety, sustainable usage and above all, discourage illegal trail building.
 8. Work with the Town of Barre to maintain a current trail map with appropriate user information.
 9. Acknowledges that any trail development on adjoining parcels of private forest land are at the sole discretion of those property owners. Development and management of trails located outside of the Barre Town Forest is the sole responsibility of _____ and is conducted with permission of the landowners.
 10. Notify the Town of Barre Recreation Board 45 days in advance of any events or activities that it proposes within the Town Forest for approval by the Recreation Board.
 11. Use the following standard language when promoting or publicizing an event or service centered at the Town Forest, "The (event name or service) will be held in the Town of Barre Forest in Websterville, VT."
 12. Ensure that all of their activities are in compliance with the Conservation Easement. _____ shall hold the Town of Barre harmless from any failure to comply with the Conservation Easement, and take such action as shall be requested by the Easement Holders to maintain or restore compliance, except to the extent that such noncompliance was caused by the Town of Barre. Nothing contained in this Corridor Management Agreement shall create any liability on behalf of the Fee Owner or the Easement Holder to any third party or create any right, claim or cause of action on behalf of any party other than the obligations to each other set forth herein.

C. IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED THAT:

1. Permission to perform work on the Town's Property under the terms of the agreement and any authorization supplemental hereto does not in any way convey to _____, its members, officials, or persons volunteering work with _____ in the performance of said work, employee status or any other status that would extend to them the benefits of Town employees.
2. Any improvements constructed under the terms of this Agreement on Town property will be the property of the Town. Nothing contained herein or in the said Management Plan shall grant _____ any leasehold or other interest in the Barre Town Forest property.
3. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as obligating the Town of Barre to expend labor and funds in excess of allotments or appropriations authorized or available.
4. The Barre Town Forest will be closed to _____ from _____ to _____ of each year. Any request to keep the trails open beyond _____ or to open the trails prior to _____

shall require prior written approval from the Town of Barre.

5. The Town of Barre maintains the right to close the trails to _____ use when any of the following are true:
 - Weather conditions make the trails unsuitable for _____ use.
 - Use of the trails is resulting in degradation of surface waters.
 - Damage to the trails may occur due to heavy rain, mud, or other conditions.
 - Use of the trails is resulting in unauthorized _____ use on the remaining property.
 - Use of the trails has resulted in conditions that violate the Conservation Easement.
 - Any other reason, which in the sole discretion of the Town of Barre would cause public safety or environmental concerns sufficient enough to close the trails to _____ use.
6. _____ and the Town of Barre will give adequate and appropriate recognition to each other in publications or news releases regarding the Barre Town Forest trails.
7. All new trail development must be pre-approved by the Town of Barre and Easement Holders (Vermont Land Trust and Vermont Housing & Conservation Board).
8. _____ may request a fee for _____ use of the trails.
9. This agreement does not grant exclusive rights and privileges to _____. The Town of Barre reserves the right to use or allow others to use any part of the trail system.
10. This agreement may be terminated at any time by any party by giving sixty days written notice to the other parties or by mutual agreement.
11. This agreement is between the Town of Barre and _____ herein named, and is not assignable or transferable unless mutually agreed upon by all parties. Nor shall _____ subcontract to any individual or organization to fulfill any of _____'s management responsibilities without the advance written permission of the Town of Barre, which may be withheld at the sole discretion of the Town of Barre.
12. This Agreement shall commence on the date of signing for an initial period of one year. It will be reviewed annually and renewed for additional terms of one to five years provided that _____ has fulfilled its duties as the _____ Trail Corridor Manager in accordance with this Agreement, the Barre Town Forest Conservation Easement, and the Management Plan for the Barre Town Forest. The CMA may be renewed by mutual written consent of the Parties, sixty days prior to the expiration date.
13. Termination of this Agreement shall not relieve _____ of its duties hereunder, including but not limited to Sections B.1 and B.10, above.
14. There shall be no manipulation of natural watercourses, wetlands, or other water bodies, nor shall there be activities conducted on the property which would be detrimental to water quality, or which could alter natural water level or flow, except as is minimally necessary to carry out the uses permitted on these lands under this Agreement and the Conservation Easement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement.

Town of Barre

Chair of Select Board

Date

Witness

Date

Authorized representative

Date

Witness

Date

Corridor Management Agreement
between the Town of Barre and Barre Town Thunder chickens

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this ____ day of ____, 20__ by and between the Town of Barre and _____.

WHEREAS: on _____, 2012, the Town of Barre created a Barre Town Forest Management Plan for the Barre Town Forest which requires Corridor Managers to enter into Corridor Management Agreements,

BTTC
WHEREAS: _____ is a non-profit organization (describe mission)

Miles of snowmobile Trail system,
WHEREAS: The Barre Town Forest contains _____ opportunities that complement and enhance the other uses of the Forest;

WHEREAS: the Conservation Easement on the Barre Town Forest allows _____ if managed in accordance with the restrictions in the Conservation Easement and in accordance with the Town Forest Management Plan;

WHEREAS: the Town of Barre and BTTC consider it mutually advantageous to cooperate with the development and maintenance of _____ trails on the Barre Town Forest.
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NOW THEREFORE:

- A. The TOWN OF BARRE HEREBY AGREES TO: snow mobile
1. Grant permission for the building, maintenance, and use of _____ trails (designated on the attached map) on the Barre Town Forest.
 2. Work with and provide technical assistance and pertinent information to aid BTTC in locating, developing, maintaining and encouraging appropriate use of the designated trails, provided that the Town shall not be obligated to provide assistance beyond that allocated in its budget.
 3. Notify BTTC when it is determined that trails are in need of repair or maintenance that should be addressed, provided, however, that the Town shall not be obligated to inspect the trails, and shall not be liable except for its own actions.
 4. Notify BTTC when timber harvest, events, or other activities may necessitate temporary closure of some trails.
 5. The Town of Barre shall from time to time amend the existing Management Plan. Said plan shall provide for the recreational access, use and management of the Barre Town Forest. The Town of Barre shall provide BTTC with a copy of these plans and shall inform BTTC of any proposed changes to the Plan.

B. BTTC HEREBY AGREES TO:

1. Act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees of the Town of Barre. The BTTC shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Town of Barre from all claims, suits, or demands for payment for all members, affiliates, or agents of BTTC and any other users of the trails. Further, BTTC shall annually provide the Town of Barre a Certificate of Insurance showing liability insurance coverage of at least \$1,000,000.00, and that such

coverage shall name the Town of Barre as an additional insured.

2. Obtain and maintain, at its own expense, all permits or licenses required to construct, install, maintain, and manage the snowmobile trails and shall not violate the terms or conditions of any of those permits, licenses or regulations. 7
3. Be responsible for the construction of _____ at its own expense. Excavation, filling, grading and the reestablishment of vegetation will be done to the Town of Barre's satisfaction. No excavation, filling or grading on the Barre Town Forest will be done unless it is approved in writing, in advance, by the Recreation Board or other agent of the Town of Barre.
4. Conduct all maintenance and construction projects using the best available management techniques and practices such as those described in West Trail construction manual will be maintained in a condition satisfactory to the Recreation Board or other agent of the Town of Barre.
5. BTTC shall not use herbicides, pesticides, growth inhibitors, or other toxic chemicals on the property.
6. Submit an annual (month) trail conditions report and proposed yearly work plans to the Town of Barre.
7. Educate trail users about personal safety, sustainable usage and above all, discourage illegal trail building.
8. Work with the Town of Barre to maintain a current trail map with appropriate user information.
9. Acknowledges that any trail development on adjoining parcels of private forest land are at the sole discretion of those property owners. Development and management of trails located outside of the Barre Town Forest is the sole responsibility of BTTC and is conducted with permission of the landowners.
10. Notify the Town of Barre Recreation Board 45 days in advance of any events or activities that it proposes within the Town Forest for approval by the Recreation Board.
11. Use the following standard language when promoting or publicizing an event or service centered at the Town Forest, "The (event name or service) will be held in the Town of Barre Forest in Websterville, VT."
12. Ensure that all of their activities are in compliance with the Conservation Easement. BTTC shall hold the Town of Barre harmless from any failure to comply with the Conservation Easement, and take such action as shall be requested by the Easement Holders to maintain or restore compliance, except to the extent that such noncompliance was caused by the Town of Barre. Nothing contained in this Corridor Management Agreement shall create any liability on behalf of the Fee Owner or the Easement Holder to any third party or create any right, claim or cause of action on behalf of any party other than the obligations to each other set forth herein.

C. IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED THAT:

1. Permission to perform work on the Town's Property under the terms of the agreement and any authorization supplemental hereto does not in any way convey to BTTC, its members, officials, or persons volunteering work with BTTC in the performance of said work, employee status or any other status that would extend to them the benefits of Town employees.
2. Any improvements constructed under the terms of this Agreement on Town property will be the property of the Town. Nothing contained herein or in the said Management Plan shall grant BTTC any leasehold or other interest in the Barre Town Forest property.
3. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as obligating the Town of Barre to expend labor and funds in excess of allotments or appropriations authorized or available.
4. The Barre Town Forest will be closed to snowmobile from 4/16 to 12/14 of each year. ~~Any request to keep the trails open beyond _____ or to open the trails prior to _____~~

~~shall require prior written approval from the Town of Barre.~~

5. The Town of Barre maintains the right to close the trails to _____ use when any of the following are true:
- Weather conditions make the trails unsuitable for _____ use.
 - Use of the trails is resulting in degradation of surface waters.
 - Damage to the trails may occur due to heavy rain, mud, or other conditions.
 - Use of the trails is resulting in unauthorized _____ use on the remaining property.
 - Use of the trails has resulted in conditions that violate the Conservation Easement.
 - Any other reason, which in the sole discretion of the Town of Barre would cause public safety or environmental concerns sufficient enough to close the trails to _____ use.
6. BTTC and the Town of Barre will give adequate and appropriate recognition to each other in publications or news releases regarding the Barre Town Forest trails.
7. All new trail development must be pre-approved by the Town of Barre and Easement Holders (Vermont Land Trust and Vermont Housing & Conservation Board).
8. _____ may request a fee for _____ use of the trails.
9. This agreement does not grant exclusive rights and privileges to BTTC. The Town of Barre reserves the right to use or allow others to use any part of the trail system.
10. This agreement may be terminated at any time by any party by giving sixty days written notice to the other parties or by mutual agreement.
11. This agreement is between the Town of Barre and BTTC herein named, and is not assignable or transferable unless mutually agreed upon by all parties. Nor shall BTTC subcontract to any individual or organization to fulfill any of _____'s management responsibilities without the advance written permission of the Town of Barre, which may be withheld at the sole discretion of the Town of Barre.
12. This Agreement shall commence on the date of signing for an initial period of one year. It will be reviewed annually and renewed for additional terms of one to five years provided that BTTC has fulfilled its duties as the new mobile Trail Corridor Manager in accordance with this Agreement, the Barre Town Forest Conservation Easement, and the Management Plan for the Barre Town Forest. The CMA may be renewed by mutual written consent of the Parties, sixty days prior to the expiration date.
13. Termination of this Agreement shall not relieve BTTC of its duties hereunder, including but not limited to Sections B.1 and B.10, above.
14. There shall be no manipulation of natural watercourses, wetlands, or other water bodies, nor shall there be activities conducted on the property which would be detrimental to water quality, or which could alter natural water level or flow, except as is minimally necessary to carry out the uses permitted on these lands under this Agreement and the Conservation Easement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement.

Town of Barre

Chair of Select Board

Date

Witness

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Authorized representative

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A 6. Provide Barre Town Thunder chickens the opportunity to use a portion of the garage on the Barre Town Forest property for the purpose of _____ necessary for use on the trails at Barre Town Forest in accord with the terms and conditions of the Garage Rental Agreement

B 3. any approved new snowmobile trail and the maintenance in the town Forest. }

B 6. Submit an annual Trail report in (A month) to the Barre Town Rec board for any Trail work that needs to be done, like maintenance, bridge replacement, culverts. For a yearly work plans on your trail system.

Corridor Management Agreement

between the Town of Barre and Barre Town Thunder Chickens

THIS AGREEMENT made and entered into this 12th day of March, 2013 by and between the Town of Barre and Barre Town Thunder Chickens (Club).

WHEREAS: on February 5, 2013, the Town of Barre created a Barre Town Forest Management Plan for the Barre Town Forest which requires Corridor Managers to enter into Corridor Management Agreements,

WHEREAS: the Club is a non-profit organization (~~describe mission~~) established to create and maintain safe and approved snowmobile trails;

WHEREAS: The Barre Town Forest contains snowmobile trail opportunities that complement and enhance the other uses of the Forest;

WHEREAS: the Conservation Easement on the Barre Town Forest allows snowmobile trails if managed in accordance with the restrictions in the Conservation Easement and in accordance with the Town Forest Management Plan;

WHEREAS: the Town of Barre and the Club consider it mutually advantageous to cooperate with the development and maintenance of snowmobile trails on the Barre Town Forest.

NOW THEREFORE:

A. The TOWN OF BARRE HEREBY AGREES TO:

1. Grant permission for the building, maintenance, and use of snowmobile trails (designated on the attached map) on the Barre Town Forest.
2. Work with and provide pertinent information to aid the Club in locating, developing, maintaining and encouraging appropriate use of the designated trails, provided that the Town shall not be obligated to provide assistance beyond that allocated in its budget.
3. Notify the Club when it is determined that trails are in need of repair or maintenance that should be addressed, provided, however, that the Town shall not be obligated to inspect the trails, and shall not be liable except for its own actions.
4. Notify the Club when timber harvest, events, or other activities may necessitate temporary closure of some trails.
5. The Town of Barre shall from time to time amend the existing Management Plan. Said plan shall provide for the recreational access, use and management of the Barre Town Forest. The Town of Barre shall provide the Club with a copy of these plans and shall inform the Club of any proposed changes to the Plan.

B. The Club HEREBY AGREES TO:

1. Act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees of the Town of Barre. The Club shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Town of Barre from all claims, suits, or demands for payment for all members, affiliates, or agents of the Club and any other users of the trails. Further, the Club shall annually provide the Town of

Barre a Certificate of Insurance showing liability insurance coverage of at least two million dollars (\$2,000,000), and that such coverage shall name the Town of Barre as an additional insured.

2. Obtain and maintain, at its own expense, all permits or licenses required to construct, install, maintain, and manage the snowmobile trails and shall not violate the terms or conditions of any of those permits, licenses or regulations.
3. Be responsible for the construction of the trails at its own expense. Excavation, filling, grading and the reestablishment of vegetation will be done to the Town of Barre's satisfaction. No excavation, filling or grading on the Barre Town Forest will be done unless it is approved in writing, in advance, by the Recreation Board or other agent of the Town of Barre.
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6. Submit an annual (month) trail conditions report and proposed yearly work plans to the Town of Barre.
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10. Notify the Town of Barre Recreation Board 45 days in advance of any events or activities that it proposes within the Town Forest for approval by the Recreation Board. A seasonal schedule of events can be submitted and approved.
11. Use the following standard language when promoting or publicizing an event or service centered at the Town Forest, "The (event name or service) will be held in the Town of Barre Forest in Websterville, VT."
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C. IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED THAT:

1. Permission to perform work on the Town's Property under the terms of the agreement and any authorization supplemental hereto does not in any way convey to the Club, its members, officials, or persons volunteering work with the Club in the performance of said work, employee status or any other status that would extend to them the benefits of Town employees.
2. Any improvements constructed under the terms of this Agreement on Town property will be the property of the Town. Nothing contained herein or in the said Management Plan shall grant the

- Club _____ any leasehold or other interest in the Barre Town Forest property.
3. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as obligating the Town of Barre to expend labor and funds in excess of allotments or appropriations authorized or available.
 4. The Barre Town Forest will be closed to snowmobile trails _____ from April 15 _____ to December 15 _____ of each year. Any request to keep the trails open beyond April 15 _____ or to open the trails prior to December 15 _____ shall require prior written approval from the Town of Barre.
 5. The Town of Barre maintains the right to close the trails to snowmobile _____ use when any of the following are true:
 - Weather conditions make the trails unsuitable for snowmobile _____ use.
 - Use of the trails is resulting in degradation of surface waters.
 - Damage to the trails may occur due to heavy rain, mud, or other conditions.
 - Use of the trails is resulting in unauthorized snowmobile _____ use on the remaining property.
 - Use of the trails has resulted in conditions that violate the Conservation Easement or Community Forest Plan.
 - Any other reason, which in the sole discretion of the Town of Barre would cause public safety or environmental concerns sufficient enough to close the trails to snowmobile _____ use.
 - The TCM does not abide by this Agreement.
 6. The Club _____ and the Town of Barre will give adequate and appropriate recognition to each other in publications or news releases regarding the Barre Town Forest trails.
 7. All new trail development must be pre-approved by the Town of Barre and the Vermont Land Trust.
 8. Any fee schedule must first be approved by the Barre Town Selectboard and attached to this agreement. The Club _____ shall not harass, berate, lecture, or eject individuals or groups from the Forest or trails for failure to pay fees.
 9. This agreement does not grant exclusive rights and privileges to the Club _____. The Town of Barre reserves the right to use or allow others to use any part of the trail system.
 10. This agreement may be terminated at any time by any party by giving sixty days written notice to the other parties or by mutual agreement.
 11. This agreement is between the Town of Barre and the Club _____ herein named, and is not assignable or transferable unless mutually agreed upon by all parties. Nor shall Club _____ subcontract to any individual or organization to fulfill any of the Club _____'s management responsibilities without the advance written permission of the Town of Barre, which may be withheld at the sole discretion of the Town of Barre.
 12. This Agreement shall commence on the date of signing for an initial period of one year. It will be reviewed annually and renewed for additional terms of one to five years provided that the Club _____ has fulfilled its duties as the snowmobile _____ Trail Corridor Manager in accordance with this Agreement, the Barre Town Forest Conservation Easement, and the Management Plan for the Barre Town Forest. The CMA may be renewed by mutual written consent of the Parties, sixty days prior to the expiration date.
 13. Termination of this Agreement shall not relieve the Club _____ of its duties hereunder, including but not limited to Sections B.1 and B.10, above.
 14. There shall be no manipulation of natural watercourses, wetlands, or other water bodies, nor shall there be activities conducted on the property which would be detrimental to water quality, or which could alter natural water level or flow, except as is minimally necessary to carry out the uses permitted on these lands under this Agreement and the Conservation Easement.

15. The Town of Barre and the Club _____ further agree that:
- a. If the Town agrees to rent the Brook Street garage to the Club, the rental agreement will be attached to this CMA and will be considered a provision of this CMA.
 - b. The Club shall cooperate in notifying its members and other snowmobilers through VAST if and when the Town or another approved entity holds a special event in the Town Forest during the snowmobile season.
 - c. The Club shall post trail signs as directed by the Recreation Board or other town designated board or official.
 - d. This CMA does not eliminate the requirement for the Club to seek landowner permission from Barre Town every Fall.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this agreement.

Town of Barre

Chair of Select Board

Date

Witness

Date

Authorized representative

Date

Witness

Date

Dave Rouleau

From: Dave Rouleau
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2013 12:20 PM
To: crogers@barretown.org
Subject: FW: CMA - Thunder chickens
Attachments: App_G_CorridorManagementAgreement_2_27_13.doc

Here is what I sent again, without the VAST attachments

From: Dave Rouleau
Sent: Friday, March 08, 2013 9:33 AM
To: 'Carl Rogers'; lionelcyr@charter.net; [cynthia fitzgerald \(cynthiafitzgeraldvt@gmail.com\)](mailto:cynthiafitzgeraldvt@gmail.com); jeff@jetservice-envelope.com
Subject: CMA - Thunder chickens

Good Morning –

Carl – thanks for prefilling this latest version. I have filled in the missing blanks accordingly and attached the VAST guidelines mentioned within.

Couple things I would like to add to the verbiage.

Under C2. If we build any bridges for the purpose of the snowmobile trail and for some reason the trail is no longer used for a snowmobile trail, the bridge is technically the property of VAST and we want to retain the right to remove the bridge from the location if we desire.

Under C15 E? Would like something in place to speak to the fact that we utilize the trail during the winter months, conditions permitting. Parts of the “snowmobile Trail” may be used by others in our off season. Damage to the infrastructure of the trail system caused by other use, should not be the responsibility of the club to correct. i.e. single track bike creating a groove that leads to erosion.

Please feel free to include/re-word as you see fit, and with that I think we have a clean document ready for signatures.
Thanks
David

From: Carl Rogers [<mailto:crogers@barretown.org>]
Sent: Tuesday, March 05, 2013 12:46 PM
To: Dave Rouleau
Subject:

Dave here is a rough draft. I need you input with Part B # 4 and 6. Does VAST have a publication about trail building and maintenance we could reference? What month would be best for the Club to submit a trail report?

Carl

Quarries Disc Golf Course Operation and Maintenance Agreement

Whereas, the Town of Barre (Town) acquired land for a town forest, which subject to a conservation easement administered by the Vermont Land Trust; and

Whereas, David Rouleau, Alan Rosa, and Doug Anderson and others (the Organizers), developed an 18-hole disc golf course known as The Quarries Disc Golf Course (the Course) in the Town of Barre Town Forest (the Town Forest) in accordance to the plan approved by the Barre Town Selectboard as shown in the attached map (the Course Map), and the conditions stipulated by the attached letter from the Vermont Land Trust July 2, 2013 (VLT Approval Letter).

The Organizers and the Town, through its Recreation Board and Selectboard, hereby agree to the terms and conditions of the Operation and Maintenance Agreement of the disc golf course as follows:

1. The Town grants the Organizers permission to maintain the Course at the locations shown in the Course Map and in compliance with the VLT Approval Letter. The Course and any hole may not be altered without prior approval from the Town.
2. The Town of Barre will work with and provide pertinent information to aid the Organizers in locating, developing, maintaining and encouraging appropriate use of the Course, provided that the Town shall not be obligated to provide assistance beyond that allocated in its budget. The Organizers shall perform all work to maintain the Course.
3. The Organizers shall not excavate or add to fill to change the existing grade of the land.
4. The Organizers shall not use herbicides, pesticides, growth inhibitors, or other chemicals in the Town Forest.
5. Annually, at a mutually agreed upon time (the November Recreation Board meeting), the Organizers shall submit to the Recreation Board a report on the condition of and use of the Course, and other Course-related issues.
6. The Organizers shall inform and educate disc golf players about safety, disc golf protocols (etiquette) and Town Forest regulations.
7. As requested by the Town, for use on its website, on the parking area kiosk, and in published materials, the Organizers shall provide written information about disc golf and about the Course.
8. If the Organizers or any disc golf organization wishes to use the Course exclusively for an event, the event organizers must notify the Recreation Board at least forty-five (45) days before the event. The organizers of an event must provide proof of insurance with no less than \$1 million in coverage and said insurance shall name the Town of Barre, VT as an additional insured.


9. The Organizers agree to use the following statement when promoting or publicizing the disc golf course, "The Quarries Disc Golf Course is located in the Town of Barre Forest in Websterville, VT."
10. The Organizers and their volunteers acknowledge that by performing volunteer work in the Town Forest they are not employees of the Town. Moreover, the Organizers and their volunteers' work on the Town Forest does not in any way convey to the Organizers or their volunteers the status of Town employee or any other status that would extend to them the benefits extended to Town employees.
11. The Organizers are not obligated to maintain the Course nor to secure successors to maintain the Course.
12. If the Organizers cease to maintain the Course and the Town does not wish to maintain it, the Town agrees the baskets shall be given to the Disc Golf VT or similar disc golf group.
13. The Organizers acknowledge timber harvesting is a stated purpose of the Town Forest. Periodically the Town will sell timber rights. The cutting and removing of trees may damage the Course, signs, "tees" or the baskets. The Organizers will be responsible for any necessary repairs. If needed the Town may order the Course be closed during timbering activity.
14. The Organizers shall maintain small (as defined by the Recreation Board) signs numbering the holes and directing users from one hole to the next. Signs shall be posted per Vermont Land Trust suggestions not to damage valuable trees.
15. The Course will be closed during the deer rifle hunting season, unless the Recreation Board votes to allow the Course be open during that season.
16. The Town may order the Course closed if:
 - a. Weather conditions make the Course too wet, and heavy foot traffic could cause soil run-off to surface water;
 - b. Users do not abide by Town Forest rules and regulations, such as but not limited to littering, fires, and excessive noise;
 - c. The Organizers or users create a condition to violates the Conservation Easement or Community Forest Plan;
 - d. Allowed elsewhere in this Agreement;
 - e. The Organizers do not abide by this Agreement.
17. This Agreement does not give the Organizers or disc golf players exclusive rights to the area of the Town Forest where the Course is located. The Organizers acknowledge the Course overlaps established trails for other Town Forest users and the general public has rights to walk anywhere on the Town Forest.
18. The Town and Organizers further agree:
 - a. At the Town's request, the Organizers shall safely remove all floating discs or Frisbees from quarry holes;
 - b. The Town will not perform maintenance work on the Course and all reports for maintenance needs shall be forwarded or directed to the Organizers;


- c. Except for tournaments and other pre-approved special events, the public shall not be charged to use the Course;
- d. Before use of the Course for league play, the Organizers must obtain approval from the Recreation Board;
- e. The Organizers shall keep the attached Contact List up to date and provide any changes to the Town in a timely manner.


19. This Agreement shall expire June 30, 2024, and may be renewed at that time. The Agreement may be terminated by any party at any time with sixty (60) days-notice to the other parties.

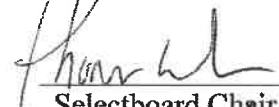
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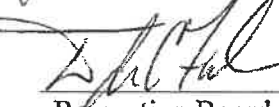
Town of Barre:


David Rouleau
5/28/2020
Date


Guy Norwood
Date


Doug Anderson
6/8/2020
Date


Selectboard Chair
5-13-20
Date


Recreation Board Chair
5/18/2020
Date

Pa.
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Field Use Fee Study

Rutland (City) Fees for outdoor use

If an organization is renting on a regular basis (Little League) we will work with them on a discounted rate.

Gazebo/Courts 1/2 Day | \$25R/\$36NR
[] Gazebo/Courts Full Day | \$50R/\$61NR
[] Softball/Baseball Fields Games (2HR) | \$75R/\$86NR
[] Softball/Baseball Fields Practices (2HR) | \$30R/\$41NR

Town of Rutland:

Baseball/softball - \$10/hr (practice) OR \$40/game (2-3hrs) - \$50 if field preparations and/or lights requested.

Tennis/Basketball Courts: \$10/hr

Soccer/Lacrosse: - \$10/hr (practice) \$40/game or \$50 if field preparations requested

Link: <https://www.rutlandtown.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/field-fees.pdf>

Brattleboro Fees

We have a rental fee for tournaments \$150.00 per day per field and an additional \$50.00 per field per night if lights are needed.

We have a rental fee of \$25.00 for two hours for practices.

Categories:

1. Governmental, Civic, Non-Profit, Religious, Educational, & Individuals
2. Private Organizations, For Profit, and Promotional

1. 75.00 / 2. 150.00 Kiwanis Shelter

75.00 / 150.00 Rotary Theater

100.00 / 150.00 Softball Fields (No Lights)

50.00 / 100.00 Softball Lights (Per Field)

150.00 / 300.00 Skating Rink

Milton Use Fees

For the sports fields in Milton, we charge \$30 per field, per event (Resident) / \$60 per field, per event (Non-resident). Field set-up fees (such as prepping and lining) are separate, and are \$25 per task, per field.

Milton youth sports leagues are exempt from field use fees during regular seasons, but are not exempt for tournaments, jamborees, and camps, and not exempt from field set-up fees.

Similar to Rutland, if an organization is renting on a regular basis we will work with them on a discounted rate.

Williston Use Fees

Fields- Soccer, Multi-Purpose (game/practice) \$30 per hr. per Field

Fields*- Baseball, Softball (game/practice) \$20 per hr. per Field

Courts- Tennis, Pickleball, Volleyball, Basketball (game/practice) \$15 per hr. per Court

**Baseball/Softball Infield areas are not lined. Permit holder must provide liner, marker, and line infield prior to use.*

Events: (camps, tournaments, jamborees, runs, or any other type of large gathering)

Fees:

Non-Profit \$1 per person in attendance or registered for event

For Profit \$5 per person in attendance or registered for event

Facility Fee Use of fields, courts or other amenities determined from above fees

Maintenance Staff- \$20 per hour (if required, determined by Director)

Johnson Field Use Fees: No rental fee, however, associated costs based on rental. Plus, any costs from resultant damage.

Youth Based Sports/activities: \$125 for costs related to field care for entire season

Adult Based Sports/activities: \$125 for costs related to field care for entire season

Sports Camps/Special Activities: \$25/day fields at Old Mill Park or Legion Field

Field lining/marketing: Fee in addition to other rental fees. \$30/per field for marking. Requests must be made two weeks prior to event date.

Link: https://cdn1.sportngin.com/attachments/document/99ca-1637129/Johnson_Facility_Use_Form_Revised_2021.pdf

City of Winooski:

Landry Park Softball Field: 2hrs - \$25(resident)/\$50(non-resident/agency)
4hrs - \$50(resident)/\$100(non-resident/agency)
All Day \$100(resident)/\$200(non-resident/agency)
+\$25/team for tournament
+\$25/light use
Flat Rate of \$150 to reserve Landry Park

Skatepark and Tennis Courts can be reserved at no charge.

Hartford, VT:

“Fees may be applicable.” I was unable to find the field use fees. However, I did find other information to be helpful:

[Park-and-Facility-Application-PDF \(hartford-vt.org\)](#)

[2022-to-2023-Guide-to-Special-Events-and-Park-and-Facility-Use-Permitting-PDF \(hartford-vt.org\)](#)

Hinesburg:

No posted fee schedule. Their website reads: [Recreation Facilities in Hinesburg | Hinesburg, VT](#)

“The Hinesburg Recreation Department hosts youth soccer and lacrosse programs, along with adult pick-up soccer and ultimate frisbee. Champlain Valley Little League uses the baseball field for their spring, summer and fall seasons. The Hinesburg based Iroquois Soccer Club also utilizes fields in the spring. Both HCS and CVU utilize Millie's Field and Ayer Field as needed for their sports programming.”

Norwich:

Huntley Athletic Fields & Girard Baseball Field - \$250/week or \$125/hour
(local nonprofits: \$185/week or \$85/hour)

Town of Shelburne:

Athletic Field \$40/hour/field (resident) \$50/hour/field (non-resident)

Tennis Court* \$25/hour/3 courts (resident) \$35/hour/3 courts (non-resident)

Stowe, VT:

FIELDS LARGE EVENT (Over 300 in Attendance as per Mayo Farm Plan)

- \$1,500 /day/ field of the event for the Event Field itself
- \$250 /day for each auxiliary field when it is used e.g. (parking)
- \$250 /day during set up and tear down time for any field occupied that cannot be used for other activities
- Plus any cleanup costs and repair of damages to the facility
- The possible costs of having an employee of the Town of Stowe on site to facilitate needs
- The rate of \$40 / hr. may be charged if deemed necessary and agreed upon in advance of the event
- Non-profit organizations/events 25% discount SMALL EVENT (Less than 300 in attendance)
- \$500 /day/ field

- \$250 /day for each auxiliary field when it is used e.g. (parking)
- \$250 /day during set up and tear down time for any field occupied that cannot be used for other activities
 - Plus any cleanup costs and repair of damages to the facility
 - The possible costs of having an employee of the Town of Stowe on site to facilitate needs
 - The rate of \$40 / hr. may be charged if deemed necessary and agreed upon in advance of the event
- Non-profit organization/events 25% discount YOUTH BASED SPORTS & ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES
 - No rental fee to Stowe youth activities
 - \$300 fee for costs related to field care for the entire season • Plus any cost from resultant damages ADULT BASED SPORTS & ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES
 - \$350 fee for the costs related to field care for the entire season • Plus a \$35/ time of usage fee up to ½ day.
 - Tournaments and Jamborees of greater duration will be considered Small Events as stated above
 - Plus any costs from resultant damages SPORTS CAMPS & SPECIAL ACTIVITIES
 - \$100 / day / field at the High School, Polo fields, and all others
 - \$100/ day for fields at the Mayo Farm A, B, or C
 - Plus any costs from resultant damages ONE-TIME ATHLETIC USE
 - \$35 / use, for a maximum of four hours
 - Plus any costs from resultant damages Please r FIELD LINING/ MARKING Fees for field lining or marking are in addition to rental fees. Requests must be made at least two weeks prior to the event date. Approximate fee per marking \$150-\$175

List of Towns/Cities without Facility Fees:

Burlington, Vergennes, Middlebury, Randolph, Brandon, Bennington, Barre City, Derby, Lyndon, Morristown, Rockingham, Springfield, St. Albans,

Reasons for Towns/Cities not having a fee structure:

1. Town/City administers leagues on their own – pay to join a league, program, and/or camp
2. “League/Program Proposal” – Outside organizations may approach with a proposal for a new league, program, and/or camp. Town/City administers approved programs. Users pay Town to join league or program.
3. Town/City does not have or chooses not to have playing fields. In these cases, the local school district has playing fields.
4. Fee schedule was not found on Town/City Website

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Asset Location	Facility	Rentals?	Current Fee Rate	Rate with Lights	Proposed Fee Rate	Pr. Fee W/ Lights	Facility Request Form
Recreation Area	Baseball Field	Yes	\$10/game	\$25/game	\$30/game	\$60/game	Field Request Form
	Softball Field	Yes	\$10/game	\$25/game	\$30/game	\$60/game	Field Request Form
	Little League Field	Yes	\$10/game	no lights	\$25/game	no lights	Field Request Form
	Lower Soccer Field	Yes	\$10/game	no lights	\$30/game	no lights	Field Request Form
	Track	-	-	no lights	-	no lights	-
	Tennis Courts	-	-	-	\$75/event	\$150/event	*Pickleball & Tennis Court* Request Form
	Pickleball Courts	-	-	-	\$75/event	\$150/event	*Pickleball & Tennis Court* Request Form
	Skatepark	-	-	no lights	-	-	-
	Picnic Shelter	Yes	\$50/day +\$1/person over 50 ppl	included in cost	\$50/2-hrs - \$250/day	-	Picnic Shelter Request Form
	Millstone Hill West Bike Path	Yes	\$50/day	-	-	-	*Bike Path* Request Form
South Barre Park and Playground	Volleyball Court	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Entire Rec Complex	-	-	-	-	-	*Park & Playground Reservation* Form
	Wilson T-ball Field #1	-	\$10/game	no lights	\$25/game	no lights	Field Request Form
	Wilson T-ball Field #2	-	\$10/game	no lights	\$25/game	no lights	Field Request Form
East Barre Park & Playground	Entire Park, Playground, Shelter	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Youth Soccer Field #1	-	\$10/game	no lights	\$25/game	no lights	Field Request Form
Lower Graniteville Playground	Youth Soccer Field #2	-	\$10/game	no lights	\$25/game	no lights	Field Request Form
	Entire Park, Playground, Shelter	-	-	-	\$150/4hrs - \$250/day	no lights	*Park & Playground Reservation* Form
Upper Graniteville Playground	Entire Park, Playground, Shelter	-	-	-	\$150/4hrs - \$250/day	no lights	*Park & Playground Reservation* Form
	Entire Park, Playground, Shelter	-	-	-	\$150/4hrs - \$250/day	no lights	*Park & Playground Reservation* Form
Town Hill Playground	Entire Park, Playground, Shelter	-	-	-	\$150/4hrs - \$250/day	no lights	*Park & Playground Reservation* Form
Websterville Playground	Entire Park, Playground, Shelter	-	-	-	\$150/4hrs - \$250/day	no lights	*Park & Playground Reservation* Form
Bike Paths	Entire Park, Playground, Shelter	-	-	-	\$150/4hrs - \$250/day	no lights	*Park & Playground Reservation* Form
	Millstone Hill West (repet)	Yes	\$50/day	no lights	-	-	*Bike Path* Request Form
Barre Town Forest	East Barre Bike Path	No	Path unfinished	no lights	-	-	*Bike Path* Request Form
	South Barre Bike Path	No	Closed for repairs (July 23 flood)	no lights	-	-	*Bike Path* Request Form
Basketball Courts:	Town Forest Trail Network	Yes	\$50/day	no lights	Race - \$50	-	*Town Forest* Request Form
	3 Parking Lots:	-	-	-	Special Event - \$50	-	add provisions for loss or damage to trail network/forest ecosystem
	44 Brook Street	-	-	no lights	-	-	-
	87 Barclay Quarry Road	-	-	no lights	-	-	-
	Little John Road	-	-	no lights	-	-	-
	Quarries Disc Golf Course	Yes	\$50/event and/or tournament	no lights	\$50	no lights	*Disc Golf Event* Form
	Recreation Area	No	-	partial lighting	-	-	-
	Websterville Playground	No	-	no lights	-	-	-
	Lower Graniteville Playground	No	-	no lights	-	-	-
	Upper Graniteville Playground	No	-	no lights	-	-	-
East Barre Park & Playground	Town Hill Playground	No	-	no lights	-	-	-
	East Barre Park & Playground	No	-	no lights	-	-	-

Notes:

Fee rates do not include field preparations. Standard: Seasonal Crew will maintain the fields, drag the infields, and mow the grass. Field users are responsible for lining the field. Users will have access to Town equipment stored in the baseball dugouts. Available equipment includes: lining machine, line paint, speed-dry (2 bags/game), and rakes. Users are expected to rake the infield after their use has commenced.

Sent in Dec. + Jan.

Vermont Recreation Boards – For Reference:

Cambridge Recreation Board: *“The Mission of the Cambridge Recreation Board is: To organize, fund, facilitate and evaluate recreational programs, facilities and events for people of all ages and abilities to ensure a healthy, fun and active lifestyle.*

The Cambridge Recreation Board oversees recreational facilities, programs, and promotion of recreation for the town and its community members. We manage all maintenance of the Cambridge Town Fields, and fund the Cambridge Youth Sports programs that play on those field.”

[Cambridge Recreation Board \(vermont.gov\)](http://vermont.gov)

East Montpelier Recreation Board: *“The Recreation Board, appointed by the Selectboard, organizes children’s sports programs, sponsors activities for town residents, and maintains the recreation field near the Elementary School. The board maintains its own website for program information, registration and scheduling:*

[East Montpelier Recreation](#)

The Recreation Board generally meets on the second Monday of each month at the East Montpelier Elementary School (665 Vincent Flats Road).”

Montpelier Recreation Department Advisory Board: [Montpelier Recreation Department Advisory Board | Montpelier, VT \(montpelier-vt.org\)](#) *“The Recreation Advisory Board assists with decision-making for the Montpelier Recreation Department. The Board offers input on budgeting, programs, and funding sources, and effectively develops and maintains recreational facilities for all residents.”*

Montpelier Parks Commission: [Parks Commission | Montpelier, VT \(montpelier-vt.org\)](#) *“The five members of the Montpelier Parks Commission are your voice in the city's parks. We guide park policy, hold monthly meetings open to the public, and help set the agenda for the work of the Montpelier Parks Department. Since we are the governing body for Montpelier's parks, this page includes information relevant to how the parks are managed. More specific information about the parks, themselves, and their use can be found on the Parks and Trees page.”*

Each Parks Commissioner is elected at Town Meeting Day and serves a staggered five-year term.

Hartford Parks and Recreation Commission: [Parks & Recreation Commission | Hartford, VT \(hartford-vt.org\)](#)

“The commission shall consult with and advise the Director of Parks and Recreation in matters affecting recreation programs; park/facility related projects, policies and finances. The commission assists in the

development of long-range planning for recreation and park needs of the community. New members must be committed to attending 1 meeting a month. Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 5 pm.

The mission of the department is to serve the needs of the community through quality parks and facilities and by offering lifelong learning through recreational and cultural programs."

Middlebury Parks & Recreation Committee: *"The Parks and Recreation Committee functions as an advisory panel to the Selectboard. The Committee focuses on identifying ways to expand and enhance recreational opportunities for the residents of Middlebury."* [Parks & Recreation Committee Members and Meeting Schedule \(townofmiddlebury.org\)](http://townofmiddlebury.org)

St. Albans Parks & Recreation Commission: *"The Parks & Recreation Commission may perform the following duties as they pertain to Taylor Park, Houghton Park and the Barlow Community Center Park:*

- 1. Review all parks improvement projects and forward any comments to the City Council for approval.*
- 2. Prepare planning documents that reflect the community's vision for its parks and forward to City Council for approval.*
- 3. Facilitate public input on park improvements.*
- 4. Develop rules and regulations for City Parks and forward to City Council for approval.*
- 5. The Parks & Rec Commission shall receive staff support from the City Manager's designee and shall function as a public body under Vermont's Open Meeting Law"*

Town of Brattleboro Recreation and Parks Board: [Recreation & Parks Board \(brattleboro.gov\)](http://brattleboro.gov)
"The seven-member board sets overall policy and goals for the Recreation and Parks Department, which, with the director, oversees all parks, recreation programs and facilities. The Board meets on the second Monday of the month."

2024 TOWN OF BARRE RECREATION CALENDAR

96.
(Sent in Dec. + Jan.)

JANUARY 3 - Town Forest Tours 1 - Snow people Building Competition	FEBRUARY 3 - Town Forest Tours 1 - Snow people Building Competition	MARCH 1 - Open Gym Night
APRIL Egg Hunt Vernal Pool Walk Spring Planting Party Blood Drive	MAY Green Up Day Treeplenish Invasive Plant Pull Party	JUNE Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt Summer Festival Ice Cream Social Bike Trailer
JULY Ice Cream Social 3 - Town Forest Tours	AUGUST Ice Cream Social 3 - Town Forest Tours VT Senior PB Tourney Adult Softball Tourney	SEPTEMBER Fall Festival Blood Drive
OCTOBER Invasive Plant Pull Party Haunted Trail	NOVEMBER Holiday Craft Days -Decorations -Snowflakes -Ornaments	DESEMBER Tree Lighting Holiday Social/Potluck

Parks & Recreation Department

Quarterly Report – Q4

October 1st to December 31st

Authored by:

Johnny Crossley

Parks & Recreation Director

Seasonal Crew end of season dates:

Richard Goodell 11/17/23

Arnold McAuley 11/09/23

Daniel Martin 10/31/23

End of the Maintenance Season Work Completed:

1. *All playing fields at the Recreation Area were aerated.*
2. *Soccer and Field Hockey nets removed from fields and returned to storage along bike path fence. Nets secured with zip ties to fence.*
3. *Track was rototilled and graded.*
4. *Little League Infield was rototilled. The infield had become overgrown with grass. Majority of the infield was dirt versus infield mix. This is likely due to years of neglect to maintenance of the field.*
5. *Overtime a lip was beginning to form at the edge of the Softball infield. With assistance from the Department of Public Works, the Recreation Crew skinned the outer edge of the Softball Field to reestablish the grade from the infield to the outfield.*
6. *Garbage and Recycling units were removed from Recreation properties, excluding the Main Recreation Area and Athletic Complex.*
7. *Pickleball and Tennis nets taken down and stored for the cold season.*
8. *Kubota, John Deere Tractor, John Deere Zero Turn, and electric cart brought to DPW for off-season maintenance. Dump Truck and #12 F-150 Pick Up Truck brought to DPW. F-150 is getting new tires, truck is utilized by Director in the Winter to do trash and mutt mitt replacement runs.*

Ongoing Capital Improvements:

Baseball Field Lighting Capital Project: Due to labor shortages and unfrozen ground, crews have not been able to get on the field to begin work.

Little League Fencing Project: A.H. Fencing began onsite work at the beginning of December. As of December 31st fencing posts are set in concrete. Work will continue in January.

Little John Road Parking Lot Expansion: Pre-Application forms were submitted before the midnight deadline on December 30th. Accepted submissions will be contacted by the Agency of Natural Resources in Mid-January.

Events & Programs:

Fall Festival 2023: On Saturday, October 14th, 2023 from 12:00 – 6:00pm the Recreation Department hosted Fall Festival at the Recreation Area and Sports Complex. 19 of 21 Vendors, from across Vermont, were present at the event selling various homemade crafts. Two vendors had to back out due to illness at the last minute. Vendor spaces were \$15 for a 20'x20' space. Nonprofits could elect to waive the fee.

The seasonal maintenance crew marked out vendor spaces the week leading into the event. Two maintenance staff members worked the event for two hours each. Richard Goodell opened the Rec Area before 7:00am to perform the usual opening of the gate and bathrooms. Arnold MacAuley worked two hours from 4:00 – 6:00pm assisting with trash pick up and break down of event activities. Recreation Board members Anastasia Douglas, along with her Daughter Rosie, and Carol Hebert volunteered their time for majority of the event. Annette Neddo arrived early in the morning to decorate the picnic shelter. Amanda Gray lent her family's Corn Hole Board set.

Activities included: "Hands on Big Rigs," Pumpkin Painting, Apple Stacking, Gourd Bowling, an Obstacle Course, a Sensory Table, Lawn Games, a photo staging area, and Pumpkin Mini Golf. The Boy Scouts served food and drinks, in addition to offering kid friendly activities like a Lego Pine Wood Derby.

Looking ahead to Q1 2024 – January 1st to March 31st:

1. Woods Walks: In an effort to keep our Town Forest fun and accessible, Director Crossley will be hosting Winter Woods Walks on Wednesdays in January and February, at staggered times. Since joining the Town staff and serving the Community Forest Management Committee, it has become apparent to me that not everyone is familiar with our Town Forest. These informal walks offer the public a chance to meet and greet both the Town Forest and Recreation Director. Opening a line of communication with the public helps to create transparency in education on our Town Forest.
2. Snowman Building Competition – In-person AND Virtual – Winter is no reason to neglect our own wellness. There are plenty of opportunities waiting out there to be experienced. These friendly building competitions are to encourage community members to get outside and get active, even if just for 30 minutes to build a Snowman with your family. Two in-person competitions on January 27th and February 24th, in addition to a "Virtual Competition" that runs from the start of the first event to the end of the second event. Virtual participants can make their snowman at-home and submit a photo entry to JCrossley@barretown.org OR by posting and tagging the Recreation Department Facebook page.
3. Review of Policies, Fees, and Rules: At the December meeting of The Recreation Board, current policies, fees, and rules related to recreation facilities were distributed to Board members in an effort to begin reviewing and updating each. Updates will be recommended to the Selectboard to consider adopting.

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Letter to Recreation committee

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Sun 1/7/2024 7:37 PM

To: Johnny Crossley <JCrossley@barretown.org>

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Good evening,

I regret that I do not think that I can attend tomorrow night's meeting.

I wanted to express my appreciation to the committee for the time and energy you put into supporting our community!

I did want to share some photos and had some questions on the recent trail cut through the town forest.

I am attaching some pictures that I have shared over the last years regarding the state of this bridge in the forest.

It continues to decay and as I shared last October 2022, it worried me that it might actually be unsafe for use.

I have pictures from October 2022 and again in April 2023.

Last week, I again visited the forest and saw some indication that the bridge was not open for snow machines. Instead another trail was cut through the forest, running parallel to the bridge.

This new trail was muddy and very difficult to walk, with our fluctuating temperatures. It is not clear to me, why this was done- instead of the repair that the snowmobile club indicated would be done in 2022.

So a few clarifying questions:

1. Why was the bridge not repaired? Who is responsible for repairing the bridge? Is it safe for people to use? Who determines this safety?
2. Who decided to cut another trail? Is this done by the rec committee, selectboard? Is this part of the new Town forest management plan?

I greatly value our Town Forest as a place where everyone can pursue their own passions - in whatever way they choose. I think it should continue to be supported by the town and volunteer organizations. This may be a bigger discussion on the way the town financially supports the forest, but in my opinion, it holds great value to our community and deserves our support.

Thank you

Diane Solomon

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