

**Town of Barre
Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2018**

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a public meeting on Monday, November 5, 2018 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Board members present were: Dave Rouleau, Terry Smith, Mike Gilbar, Rolland Tessier, and Adi Dobrilovic. Absent were Doug Farnham and Stacey Lynds. Also present were Janice King, Recreation Superintendent Dwight Coffrin, town manager Carl Rogers, and assistant town manager Elaine Wang.

Acting Chair Rouleau called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

To the agenda, Wang requested to add agenda item 5b, a new facility use request. Tesseir made a motion to accept the agenda with that change. Gilbar seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

Gilbar made a motion to approve the October 1 minutes as presented. Smith seconded and the board approved 5-0.

There were no guests for a matter not on the agenda.

5. Field Requests –

- a. Capital Soccer Club – The club once again requested use of the soccer fields for their week-long camp, June 24-28, 2019, 9a-12p. Smith made a motion to approve conditioned on receipt of their certificate of insurance. Gilbar seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
- b. C.H.O.I.C.E. Academy – The Board previously approved this group’s use of the bike path for a 5K, but the propane tank fire at the Wilson Industrial Park and resulting closure of the rec area meant that they had to cancel the event. They requested to reschedule for December 8. The organizer will discuss snowplowing or snowgrooming, if needed, with MTA. Tessier made a motion to approve the request conditioned on receipt of certificate of insurance. Gilbar seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

6. Dog Park Report – Janice King presented a written report on behalf of the Dog Park Committee, and shared the positive and negative aspects of the effort to date. King also discussed plans going forward, including fundraising. Rouleau noted that he’s heard many positive comments about the facility.

7. Maintenance Supervisor’s Report – Coffrin reviewed the department’s activities for the last month and plans for the coming month. He also shared police department efforts that have led to decreased vandalism in the rec area.

8. Freezing Fun for Families – A representative was not able to attend this meeting but will attend the December one.

9. Recreation Ordinance – The Rec Board reviewed input from Police Chief Dodge and the Selectboard from their October 30 meeting, the latter of which was largely about the alcohol and drug use prohibition, and Town Attorney Mike Monte’s response to the Selectboard’s concerns. The Rec Board was in agreement that they would like as much prohibition of alcohol in the Rec Area as the Selectboard could tolerate due to liability concerns. Gilbar said he would be at the public hearing on the ordinance at the Selectboard’s November 13 meeting. Wang said that Farnham was planning to be there also.

10. Caws 4 Paws Reimbursement Request – The Board considered whether to request Rouleau be reimbursed the \$450 he spent to help cover expenses for the Caws 4 Paws event this summer. Smith made the motion seconded by Dobrilovic. The motion passed 4-0, with Rouleau recusing himself from the vote. Gilbar made a motion to advance the request to the Selectboard. Tessier seconded and the motion passed 4-0, with Rouleau recusing himself from the vote.

11. Sledding Parties – The Board discussed whether to schedule sledding parties for the winter, whereas snow conditions have been very challenging. The Board came to a consensus that holding them impromptu

would be the best way to do it. They agreed to decide at their January and February meetings whether to have a party the next, or subsequent, Saturday.

12. Other Business –

- No hunting signs for the school forest: Rogers shared that the school was concerned about safety in the school forest during hunting season. Now that the town owns the property that the school forest sits on, the town had ‘no hunting’ signs made up and will put them up all around the property.
- Rec Area lighting: Rogers said that the town now owns some pipe that could be used to mount a light on to reduce the cost for that project.
- Time for budget discussion: The Board agreed to tentatively schedule a meeting for Thursday December 6, 6pm, in case they needed more time after their December meeting to discuss their FY2019-2020 budget request.
- Freezing Fun for Families Banquet RSVP: Tessier and Smith said they would not be able to make it. Dobrilovic said maybe plus 1, and Rouleau said yes plus one.

13. Round the Table – Smith shared ideas about a recreational internship and said she would like the topic on the next meeting agenda. Gilbar said he’d like to see security cameras in their budget request. Tessier expressed concerns that people are still parking in the fire lane at the rec area, and the Board and staff discussed ideas to improve compliance. Rouleau reported that the first indoor pickleball day of the season drew 11 participants, including 2 newcomers. He also raised the idea of using the tennis court re-surfacing project as an opportunity to reconsider how they are striped to accommodate pickleball.

At 7:59pm on a motion by Smith, seconded by Dobrilovic, the board voted 5-0 to adjourn.

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