

**Town of Barre
Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2020**

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a public meeting on Monday, January 6, 2020 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Board members present were: Doug Farnham, Dave Rouleau, Rolland Tessier, Amanda Gray, and Moriah Fraga. Also present were Chris Cadorette, Jaron Foster, and assistant town manager Elaine Wang.

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

Rouleau moved that the agenda be approved as presented. Tessier seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved the vote.

Rouleau made a motion to approve the December 2, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Gray seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

No guests were present for non-agenda items.

5. Facility Requests – Chris Cadorette, Board member at Freezing Fun for Families, shared their accomplishments, plans and goals for the organization. He also requested use of the Rec Area March 6-8, 2020 for their winter co-ed softball fundraiser tournament, and permission for alcohol use. Farnham recommended they have can collection points that could then be redeemed for more contributions to the cause. Cadorette said that there would not be fireworks nor cleats. Rouleau made a motion to approve the request, including permission for alcohol use, contingent on receipt of certificate of insurance naming the town as an additional insured. Fraga seconded and the Board voted 5-0 in favor.

7. Little League Field – Jaron Foster, Treasurer for Barre Community Baseball and Softball (BCBS) attended on behalf of BCBS to discuss their interests in the Little League field. Foster said that they have high numbers in the program; last year they had 130 kids between T ball and Pony ball at the South Barre fields. Over half of the Pony program is likely to move into the minors program, with the minors needing more fields to use. The minors had scheduling conflicts last year with 5 teams and they expect 6 teams this year. Farnham explained that the Little League Field needed at least better drainage to be usable for games, probably fencing repairs, and maybe more to be usable for games, and whether BCBS could pitch in. Foster was open to the idea. Wang asked if the Board would want soil tests to be done for this field to better determine the work needed. The Board agreed. Wang noted that that wasn't in the current year budget and it could be proposed. But, if BCBS could arrange for those tests they wouldn't have to wait. Foster and the Board agreed to check in at the March Rec Board meeting.

8. Teen Programs – The Board discussed more ideas for programs for teens. They agreed they needed more input and assigned themselves people to talk to.

9. Softball Field Fence – Wang provided an update. An engineer with experience with soils at the school visited the site and provided the opinion that the soil disturbance for the conduit work in FY 2016-2017 is the reason why the fence leaned so much in 2019. If disturbed soil is the root cause, he provided two options and Lafayette Highway Specialties provided a third. In any case, this engineer recommended that the town still proceed with a soil test first. Wang noted this could be done with this year's softball field fence project budget. The Board agreed by consensus to proceed with the soil test this fiscal year.

10. **Open Gym** – Board member Stacey Lynds, who was leading this effort, had to miss the meeting. Rouleau said he thought a date was set for January 15. Gray said she would follow up with the Open Gym partner at the school to confirm and offer help if needed.

11. **Dabble Day** – The Board discussed the postcard on Barre Town Rec events to pass out at Dabble Day.

12. **Expenditures** – The group reviewed spending during this fiscal year. Wang noted nothing of concern.

13. **Sledding party** – Based on the weather forecast, the Board decided by consensus not to hold a sledding party the following weekend.

14. **Snowshoe party** - Based on the weather forecast, the Board decided by consensus not to hold a snowshoe party the coming Friday or Saturday. Rouleau said he would follow up with the volunteers about rescheduling for February 7.

15. **Other Business** – Wang asked the Board if they would like a representative from Barre Amateur Soccer Association at their February meeting with their facility use request. They said no.

16. **Round the Table:** Rouleau said that he saw the note that the rec area lower restroom was determined to not require rebuilding, and asked for a water spigot be reconsidered for that location.

At 8:10 pm on a motion by Rouleau, seconded by Gray, the board voted 5-0 to adjourn.

Recreation Board Members

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____ Rolland Tessier _____
____ Moriah Fraga _____
____ Terry Smith _____
____ Doug Farnham _____
____ Dave Rouleau _____
____ Amanda Gray _____