

**Town of Barre  
Recreation Board  
Meeting Minutes  
May 18, 2020**

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a public meeting on Monday, May 18, 2020 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road and by videoconference. Board members present were Doug Farnham; and by videoconference, Dave Rouleau, Terry Smith, Amanda Gray, and Moriah Fraga. Absent was Rolland Tessier and Stacey Lynds. Also present were assistant town manager Elaine Wang, and by teleconference, Recreation Supervisor Dwight Coffrin.

1. Chair Farnham called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Smith made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. Rouleau seconded and the agenda was adopted 5-0.
3. Rouleau made a motion to approve the May 4, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Smith seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.

4. **Dog Park Agreement** – Rouleau, as a member of the Dog Park Committee, indicated that he and the other signatory, Sheila Cleary, were comfortable with the agreement as presented. Gray made a motion to authorize the Chair to sign the agreement and to advance the agreement to the Selectboard. Smith seconded. Gray asked about the agreements prohibition of the town budgeting money for the operation and maintenance expenses for the dog park. Rouleau said he was comfortable with the amount of money remaining from fundraising, around \$5,000, and doing another Calcutta. The motion passed 4-0, with Rouleau abstaining.

5. **COVID-19** – The Rec Board discussed port-o-lets and pickleball. After much discussion, they directed Wang to look into the cost of adding a port-o-let at the Rec Area, and how often it would be disinfected. Regarding pickleball, Smith made a motion to recommend to the town manager to increase the number of pickleball nets from two to three during the Governor’s restriction of gatherings of 10 people, then to four once the gathering number increases to 25, and to have the tennis nets installed on the pickleball side to help keep players on different courts separated. Rouleau seconded. Voting in favor were Rouleau, Smith, Fraga, and Farnham. Voting against was Gray.

The Board reiterated that the May 30 softball tournament would not be allowed.

6. **Purchase** – Smith presented costs and options for election-style signs for an ‘I Spy’ activity she, Lynds and Gray had worked on, inspired by the success of Lynds’ ‘Bear Hunt’ activity on the Millstone West Bike Path. On the question from Gray, Smith noted the total cost was comparable to what the Board spends on the Spring into Summer Festival which they had agreed to cancel due to COVID-19. Gray made a motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$700 for aluminum responsible recreation signs that could be used at any recreation facility. Fraga seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

7. **‘Round the Table’**: Gray asked for an update on the Upper Graniteville Playground basketball pole leaning problem. Wang said it was on Coffrin’s list of things to do. Smith asked for whether to do ice cream socials, or how to modify them, on the June agenda, and for the Board to decide by August 1 whether to have Fall Fest.

At 7:03pm on a motion by Rouleau, seconded by Smith, the board voted 5-0 to adjourn.

Recreation Board Members

\_Signed by Doug Farnham\_\_\_\_\_  
\_ Voice vote to approve by Dave Rouleau,\_  
\_Terry Smith, Amanda Gray, Moriah Fraga\_  
\_Rolland Tessier\_\_\_\_\_