

**Town of Barre
Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2020**

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a public meeting on Monday, September 14, 2020 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road and virtually. Board members present were Doug Farnham and Terry Smith; by videoconference, Amanda Gray and Stacey Lynds, and by teleconference, Rolland Tessier. Absent were David Rouleau and Moriah Fraga. Also present were assistant town manager Elaine Wang, and by teleconference, Recreation Supervisor Dwight Coffrin and Sheila Cleary.

1. Chair Farnham called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. Smith made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Tessier seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
3. Tessier made a motion to approve the August 3, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Lynds seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.
5. **Facility Requests** – a) Cleary presented her request for volunteers to host another fundraiser yard sale for the dog park on September 26 in the auxiliary parking area across from the dog park. Smith made a motion to approve. Lynds seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
b) CHOICE Academy had requested to reserve the Quarries Disc Golf Course for a tournament on October 17. Smith made a motion to approve. Lynds seconded and the motion passed 5-0. Farnham noted there was no fee since the Selectboard hadn't considered the Rec Board's recommendation yet.
c) The Babe Ruth 15-18 year old team requested use of the baseball field for Sep 20 & 27 and Oct 3 and 11, all at 1pm. Smith made a motion to approve contingent on certificate of insurance naming the town as additional insured and to waive the fee. Tessier seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
d) Lynds said she and a fellow mom were looking to put on a soccer clinic for six to eight girls because BYSA canceled their season. Coffrin suggested using the Little League field as there were no other reserved uses. Smith made a motion to approve the request and to waive the fee. Tessier seconded. The motion passed 5-0, with Lynds abstaining.
6. **Rec Supervisor Report** – Coffrin reviewed August activities, including putting filter fabric and mulch down at 44 Brook St to combat the old glass that keeps coming up through the gravel at one spot. He also mentioned the police department provided an officer for the rec road for a while one day to combat speeding. Farnham asked about the repair of the 1980 state championship granite marker. Coffrin said it was on the list but lower priority.
7. **Facility Use Fees** – The budget committee had asked the Rec Board to consider the field use fees. Wang provided data that the vast majority of the fees paid for field use were paid by the three adult softball leagues. The Board had historically waived fees for the rest because they were for youth sports or fundraisers. She also provided the information requested by the Board on what other recreation areas charge. The Board agreed by consensus they do not recommend increasing the fees. Farnham said they could ask for volunteers for Rec Board events from groups with waived fees. Smith said she would be comfortable asking for donations from users with waived fees.
8. **Police Authorization** – Farnham asked the Rec Board to re-approve the police department's ability issue trespass orders. He mentioned the Police Chief was comfortable conferring with the Board Chair or Vice Chair on expirations of trespass orders. Tessier made a motion to approve and Lynds seconded. The motion passed 5-0. Wang provided the authorization letter for those present to sign. The Chair reported the Police Chief would consult the Chair, or Vice Chair in the Chair's absence, on the duration of trespass orders.
9. **Internship** – Smith led the Board discussion on a recreation facility survey for an intern to administer: who, what activities, where, when, why, how often, what they like or don't like about them; what they like to do for fun; and did they know about the other rec facilities the town has. Smith said the survey would not be administered until after Memorial Day. She said she would keep working on the scope of work for the intern.
10. **Other Business** – Wang said the Association of Conservation Commissions was having their annual conference virtually this year and had asked Wang to present on town forest usage during the pandemic on

Wednesday September 23. Farnham brought up the Rec Area light pole inspection. Wang said the 5 on the baseball field and the one on the tennis court have been removed. She said she was still waiting on quotes on options for the last two poles that had not passed inspection, on the softball field. Regarding the softball field lighting replacement project, she said the Men's League was having trouble securing a lift donation. Wang had asked about fundraising for lift rental. Damian Craig said he was willing, but that he would need help and that Bob Nelson had been willing. Farnham said he would help. He asked if some of the work could be electrical work done on the ground to reduce the duration for the rental. Wang said she would find out.

15. Round the Table – Tessier asked if the other rec areas also waived fees. Wang said she had not asked that question. Gray said she visited the Camp St lot bequest and asked for the use of it to be on the next agenda. Smith asked the Board to confirm it was ready for more bike path scavenger hunt signs to be put up, as so many of them had disappeared. The Board agreed by consensus. Smith asked for the Board to select a date for the Spring Festival. She proposed June 5, 2021, and the Board agreed by consensus.

At 7:16pm on a motion by Smith, seconded by Gray, the board voted 5-0 to adjourn.

Recreation Board Members

Signed by Doug Farnham _____

_David Rouleau _____

_Stacey Lynds _____

_Terry Smith _____
