

**Town of Barre
Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2020**

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a public meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road and virtually. Board members present by videoconference were Doug Farnham, David Rouleau, Terry Smith, Rolland Tessier, and Amanda Gray. Absent were Stacey Lynds and Moriah Fraga. Also present were assistant town manager Elaine Wang and by teleconference, Recreation Supervisor Dwight Coffrin.

1. Chair Farnham called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. Tessier made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Smith seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
3. Rouleau made a motion to approve the November 9, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Smith seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0.
6. **FY21-22 Budget** – The Board reviewed their list of possible budget requests. Of the 17 items, they agreed to include at least 7, remove at least 6, and needed pending quotes or information before deciding on the remaining 4.
7. **Softball Light Fee** – Wang and Farnham reported that after the November meeting, the cost for the project jumped from \$4,400 for lift rental and donated electrician time, to \$8,653 for contracted electricians and donated lift rental. League reps indicated varying levels of comfort with this fee, but Wang said her understanding was they were willing to raise it. Farnham had suggested giving the leagues two years to raise the money and said the Selectboard’s approval of the electrician contract included that understanding. The Rec Board was concerned that this was a large sum for the leagues to raise. After more discussion, Smith made a motion to change the assessment on the softball leagues to match the actual expense of \$8,653, and to revisit their fundraising progress and the assessment at their November 2021 meeting. Rouleau seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
8. **Port-o-let at Rec Area through pandemic winter** – Rouleau proposed to keep one port-o-let at the Rec Area through the winter because he felt during the pandemic and with MTA grooming the Rec Area again there would be more users than usual. Wang noted the port-o-let company said they needed the unit to be within six to eight feet of their vehicle to be able to service it, and there were no guarantees the port-o-let would stay accessible if a windrow iced up in front of it. Tessier said there must be staff who could keep the way clear and Wang said she didn’t think any would be available. Several Board members agreed on the need for one, and placement could be discussed with the company and the school. Rouleau made a motion to keep a port-o-let there through February 28 and revisit at the March meeting. Smith seconded and the motion passed 4 to 1, with Gray voting against.
9. **Internship** – Smith provided an update on the scope of the recreation facilities users survey, the development of which would be the internship project pitched to students at a UVM intern program. She asked for the Board’s opinion on whether to wait after the pandemic. The Board agreed by consensus it was worth trying to have the survey created in the spring.
11. **Round the Table** – Smith asked whether they could pay the intern in the current fiscal year out of unused program money. Farnham and Wang said that would be subject to Selectboard approval. Rouleau said he was thinking about an iron ranger donation station for the dog park, and asked if the shop would have time to make one like they did for the disc golf course. If not, he would look at other options. Wang said she would ask.

At 7:22pm on a motion by Rouleau, seconded by Tessier, the board voted 5-0 to adjourn.

Recreation Board Members
