

**Town of Barre
Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes**

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a virtual public meeting on Monday, January 4, 2021. Board members present by videoconference were David Rouleau, Terry Smith, Amanda Gray, and Stacey Lynds, and by teleconference, Doug Farnham and Moriah Fraga. Absent was Rolland Tessier. Also present by videoconference were Jacqueline Jancaitis and assistant town manager Elaine Wang.

1. Vice Chair Rouleau called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. Smith made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Gray seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
3. **Minutes** - Smith noted the minutes did not show a second or vote after her softball light fee assessment motion for agenda item number 7. Wang confirmed Rouleau had seconded and all present had voted in favor. Smith made a motion to accept the minutes with that change. Gray seconded and the motion was approved 5-0. Farnham was not present for the vote.
5. **Facility Request** – Jacqueline Jancaitis presented the Central Vermont Runners’ request to use the town forest trails for a virtual 5K snowshoe race February 5-14. She said racers would do the course on their own time. The route was coordinated with Millstone Trails Association and considers logging activity. CVR advises racers to socially distance, have a mask and wear it when they come across someone, and not to congregate. Smith made a motion to approve the request, conditioned on receipt of certificate of insurance naming the town as an additional insured and compliance with executive orders at the time. Lynds seconded and the motion passed 5-0. Farnham was not present for the vote.
6. **FY21-22 Budget** – The Board reviewed their list of possible budget requests revised from their December meeting. Smith made a motion to propose the list dated December 31, 2020, plus a set-aside sufficient to replace the baseball light poles in three to five years. Lynds seconded and the motion passed 5-1, with Gray voting against.
7. **Camp St Lots park bequest** – Rouleau reviewed that this land had been bequested to the town on condition that it be turned into a park and the Selectboard wanted a plan from the Rec Board before deciding whether to accept it. The Rec Board was in favor of leaving it mostly as is for a walking area and wanted to survey the neighborhood before proposing a plan. The Board discussed how to introduce their ideas, concerns to address, and the purpose of the survey. After reviewing Wang’s recommendations on how to administer it, they agreed in principle to do a mailing and an electronic version. They directed Wang to draft the survey and run by Smith and Lynds before the next meeting.
8. **Freezing Fun for Families COVID-19 Plan** – Farnham said he wanted the Board to receive FFFF’s plan for a modified tournament in their packet for this meeting even though they would not need to act on it until the February meeting. Farnham and Rouleau commented positively on the work FFFF had done to make the event safe so that it could be held and benefit families who still need the support.
9. **Other Business** – Wang said Vermont Land Trust had not yet confirmed a visit date that would allow review of an expansion to 44 Brook St town forest parking lot. Rouleau asked for VLT to visit the Littlejohn site also, as to whether possible parking could be developed in a flatter area uphill.
11. **Round the Table** – Farnham asked when the Rec Area gate gets closed in the evening. Wang said when the night police officer can make it there. Smith asked for the internship and an alternative to the Spring into Summer Festival on the February agenda. Lynds asked for input on alternatives to Dabble Days. Rouleau asked for a snowshoe and hot chocolate event for the February agenda.

At 5:57pm on a motion by Smith, seconded by Gray, the board voted 6-0 to adjourn.

Recreation Board Members

accepted by Doug Farnham, David Rouleau, Amanda Gray
Moriah Fraga, and Stacey Lynds