

**Town of Barre
Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes**

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a virtual public meeting on Monday, March 1, 2021. Board members in attendance were Doug Farnham, David Rouleau, Amanda Gray, and Stacey Lynds. Also in attendance were William Sugarman, Tracy Wright and assistant town manager Elaine Wang.

1. Chair Farnham called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.
2. Rouleau made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Gray seconded and the motion passed 4-0.
3. **Minutes** - Rouleau made a motion to approve the February 1 minutes. Gray seconded and the motion passed 4-0. Rouleau made a motion to approve the February 15 minutes. Lynds seconded and the motion passed 4-0.
4. **Guests** – William Sugarman addressed the Board regarding the Donald G. Allen bequest of lots for a neighborhood park. He offered his ideas about ways that the lots could be minimally developed to mitigate impact to the wetlands and wildflowers and expressed his support for a park because of the beneficial effects of nature on the brain. Rouleau noted the public who participated in the Selectboard meeting on the matter and were against a town park seemed to change their mind once they understood it could be sold and developed if the town passed on the bequest and said he'd want a survey re-done with that information.
5. **Facility Requests** – a) Tracy Wright of Vermont Rustic Moose presented her request to hold four, one-week children's camps in the town forest. She had provided a COVID plan to the Rec Board. Wright noted, in response to complaints she received last year, that the state does not mandate masking when socially distanced outside. In compliance with that last year she required, and will again this year, that masks be worn during check in and check out, and carried and used if they have to be close to someone. Rouleau noted he was comfortable with her COVID plan and made a motion to approve the use as presented, conditioned on receipt of a compliant certificate of insurance and compliance with executive orders. Lynds seconded and the motion passed 4-0.
b) Barre Town School had requested putting up animal tracking posters provided by the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife in the forest by the school. Because of the timing, the town manager approved the. Rouleau gave kudos to the school for doing this as he saw the same news story about VT Fish & Wildlife doing this elsewhere, thought it would be good to replicate here, and was glad the school took it on. Rouleau made a motion to approve the request conditioned on the signs by removed by April 1, 2021. Gray seconded and the motion passed 4-0.
c) Wang said Dog Park volunteer Gail Mulcahy had requested to hold another yard sale fundraiser for the Dog Park on Saturday June 19. Gray made a motion to approve and Lynds seconded. Farnham and Wang then noted that if Rouleau recused as a member of the Dog Park Committee then there would not be enough Board members to adopt the motion. Gray and Lynds agreed to remove their motion.
6. **Softball league coordination** – Farnham said he would meet with the three leagues before the next meeting to discuss their scheduling and any issues.
7. **Egg Hunt** – Gray reported on her discussion with Barre City Recreation Director Stephanie Quaranta. They discussed a drive through format, maybe at two locations, one in the city and one in the town, on Saturday April 3rd. They also discussed possibly a virtual egg hunt, with possible help from the Barre Partnership. After discussion of more ideas, the Board agreed Gray could communicate plans through Wang.
8. **Snowshoe event** – After some discussion of availability and weather conditions, the Board agree by consensus not to do a snowshoe event until next season.
9. **Port-o-let** – The Board agreed by consensus to keep the port-o-let at the Rec Area.
10. **Other Business** – Wang reported the Vermont Land Trust and the town's contracted forester were arranging to meet next week to review town forest logging. Farnham said he would also like to attend.
11. **'Round the Table** – Rouleau asked whether there were plans to open the Rec Area restrooms. Wang said there haven't been discussions with the staff yet. Lynds asked if buying a fogger might be of interest. The Board thought this was a good suggestion. Lynds said she would provide Wang with information on the fogger her workplace

purchased. Wang said she would talk with the Rec Supervisor. Rouleau said the Quarries Disc Golf volunteers will be looking for approval during the April or May agenda to place pavers at two specific tees to reduce how much the ground tends to get dug up around them by people throwing discs.

At 7:25pm on a motion by Lynds, seconded by Gray, the board voted 4-0 to adjourn.

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