

**Town of Barre  
Recreation Board  
June 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a virtual public meeting on Monday, June 7, 2021. Board members in attendance were Doug Farnham, David Rouleau, Amanda Gray, Moriah Fraga, and Carol Hebert. Absent was Stacey Lynds. Also in attendance were Miranda Berry, Peter Kopsco, Kevin Spaulding, Sheila Cleary, Anna Van Luvender, Rec Supervisor Dwight Coffrin and Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang.

1. Chair Farnham called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
2. **Agenda** – Wang requested the Board reorder the agenda for guests and to add the Rec Supervisor Report after the guests. Rouleau made a motion accordingly. Fraga seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
3. **Minutes** - Rouleau made a motion to approve the April 5 minutes. Fraga seconded and the motion passed 5-0. Rouleau made a motion to approve the May 3 minutes. Fraga seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
5. **Organization** – a) Rouleau nominated Farnham as Chair, seconded by Hebert. There were no other nominations. The Board re-elected Chair Farnham 5-0. Hebert nominated Rouleau as Vice Chair, seconded by Farnham. There were no other nominations. The Board re-elected Vice Chair Rouleau 5-0. b) On a motion by Rouleau, seconded by Hebert, the Board voted 5-0 to keep the same meeting schedule of the first Monday of the month at 6pm or the second Monday if the first is a holiday.
6. **Facility requests** – a) BYSA soccer requested use of the East Barre field and the Rec Area softball outfield for several dates. Farnham noted there were conflicts with the softball field on Sep 11, Sep 18, and Oct 16. Gray made a motion to approve the request except with the conflicting dates at the lower soccer field and conditioned on compliant insurance. Fraga seconded and the motion passed 5-0.  
b). Central Vermont Runners requested the Town Forest trails for their annual Heritage 5K. Rouleau made a motion to approve the request. Gray seconded and the motion passed 5-0.  
c) Miranda Berry presented her request to use the softball and baseball fields for a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, with perhaps 14 to 18 teams, playing double elimination. Farnham and Berry agreed one field would be sufficient. Rouleau made a motion to approve the request conditioned on compliant insurance. Gray seconded and the motion passed 5-0. Berry had questions about the insurance.  
d) Spaulding High School requested use of the upper soccer field on various dates for summer soccer. Rouleau made a motion to approve the request. Gray seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
7. **MTA report** – Kevin Spaulding reported on Millstone Trails Association’s winter grooming activities, including 63% of the mileage that was due to grooming at the Barre Town Rec Area. He noted several positive interactions with snowmobilers driving respectfully in the Town Forest.
8. **MTA donation** – Rouleau noted Wang’s recommendation that the Rec Board donate just the proportion due to the Barre Town Rec Area, which had started at the town’s request and compensating for which the town manager had begun budgeting a donation to MTA. Farnham said he recalled it was for winter grooming without specifics. Rouleau said the grooming in the Town Forest was also appreciated and made a motion to donate the full amount of MTA’s reported direct expenses, \$962.54. Gray seconded and the motion passed 5-0.
9. **Dog Park report** – Sheila Cleary reported on activities of the Dog Park Committee. She stated that David Rouleau was stepping off the committee and that Anna Van Luvender was joining.
10. **Dog Park Agreement** – Wang reviewed the proposed changes to the Dog Park Agreement. Anna Van Luvender said she had not received a copy yet. Because the agreement would expire before the next Rec Board meeting, Wang asked Rouleau and Cleary if they would be willing to sign the current revision, with the expectation that the agreement would be back on the agenda at the July meeting. They both agreed. Hebert made a motion to adopt the agreement as revised with the expectation that it would be revisited in July. Gray seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

11. **Rec Supervisor report** – Coffrin reported on Recreation crew activities since the season started.

12. **Ice cream events** – The Board furthered their plans.

13. **Fall Festival** – Gray reported out on a meeting requested by the Barre Partnership Executive Director Tracie Lewis and Barre City Recreation Director Stephanie Quaranta to partner with their Fall Heritage Festival, October 1-3. The Board discussed how and what they could do to partner. They agreed to propose sponsoring a third-party activity. The Board then brainstormed ideas for their Sep 25 Fall Festival.

14. **Recreation grant** – The Board discussed what might be competitive and agreed to bring any ideas to the next meeting.

16. **'Round the Table** – Gray commented on the quality of volunteer-run recreation programs for youth compared to those with paid staff around the state. She asked why Barre Town did not have a Recreation Director. Wang said she would look into it. Farnham said more information was needed on what wind nets to purchase, and that three of the pickleball nets needed replacing. He asked Wang to look into these items.

At 8:15pm on a motion by Smith, seconded by Rouleau, the board voted 5-0 to adjourn.

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