

**Town of Barre
Recreation Board
August 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a hybrid (in person with a virtual option) public meeting. Attending Board members were Doug Farnham, David Rouleau, Stacey Lynds, Amanda Gray, Carol Hebert, and Tyler Morse. Absent was Moriah Fraga. Also in attendance were Rec Supervisor Dwight Coffrin and Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang.

1. Chair Farnham called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. **Agenda** – Rouleau moved to take up #12 after #6. Gray seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Lynds and Hebert were not present for the vote.

3. **Minutes** - Gray motioned to approve the July 12 minutes as presented. Morse seconded. The motion passed 4-0. Lynds and Hebert were not present for the vote.

5. **Facility requests** – a) Chair Farnham asked the Rec Board to host a pickleball tournament at the town pickleball and tennis courts, August 23-25, 5pm-11pm each evening. The beginner tourney would be on Monday, intermediates on Tuesday, and advanced players on Wednesday. Gray motioned to approve the request and require players to sign a liability waiver. Morse seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

b) The Babe Ruth 16-18 year old team requested the baseball field 6pm to 7:45pm this week through Friday to practice for their championship. Gray motioned to approve the use. Morse seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

c) Barre Town School's Camp KODA requested the track and bike path for a color run on Friday August 6. Coffrin confirmed the colored powder involved is not a concern as it washes away. Rouleau motioned to approve. Morse seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

6. **Rec Supervisor report** –Coffrin reviewed the crew's work over the past month, including replacing or repairing pitchers' mounds, fence and gate repairs, tree removal on the Millstone west bike path and at Trow Hill playground, replacing a broken/poor condition items at playgrounds, painting over graffiti, grass cutting, field repair and/or maintenance at the Rec Area and South Barre fields, bathroom cleaning, trash pickup, equipment maintenance,. He said the police have a lead on the Rec Area vandal.

12. **'Round the table** – Rouleau reported that the dog park fence was fixed. He asked the Rec Board to sign a thank-you card for Hickok & Boardman, a company that provides volunteers to repaint the Travis Mercy Memorial Skateboard Park structures every year. Travis's mother, Linda Mercy, works for Hickok & Boardman.

Farnham shared his goal of having each field in the town able to serve more than one purpose. He described what a baseball field that could also be a softball field would entail, including skinning the infield, pins for the softball bases, and a portable mound. His goal is to have all the labor and materials for this project donated. Wang noted the Rec Board should take action on a change like this and asked whether to put it on the September agenda. Farnham said he did not think it would come together by then but to check in with him before drafting that agenda. Hebert noted this could be a future grant project if donations don't come through.

7. **Rec Board charge** - The Selectboard had asked for the Rec Board's input by August 31 on the Rec Board-related town ordinances, since they are inconsistent, and inconsistent with the Rec Board Guiding Principles on the town website. After some discussion, the Rec Board agreed to create a subcommittee comprised of Farnham, Rouleau, Morse and Hebert. They agreed to meet Wednesday August 11 at 6:30pm. Farnham asked all Rec Board members to review other towns' Rec Board webpages and share practices they thought would work in Barre Town. The Rec Board agreed they would like the full Rec Board to consider the subcommittee recommendations before bringing them to the Selectboard. They requested Wang ask the Selectboard whether they would delay the meeting for Rec Board input until after the Rec Board's September meeting.

8. **Fall Festival** – Gray led the discussion on planning and next steps.

Clear Choice, a company, had asked to sponsor something in town and were interested in Fall Festival. The Rec Board agreed by consensus to ask them to supply volunteers or staff a craft or activity table, and they could bring freebies. Or if they just wanted to have a banner there, they could for a \$100 or \$200 sponsorship.

The Rec Board reviewed the flyer and agreed on changes by consensus.

9. Ice cream events – Rouleau reported that Ben and Jerry’s, the reliable source for donated ice cream since the socials started, had a supply shortage and could not donate this year. He purchased enough supplies for the next day’s ice cream events. He asked the Rec Board if he could be reimbursed, and said he was willing to donate that purchase if not. Gray made a motion to reimburse Rolueau. Hebert seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

10. Pickleball nets – Farnham reported that the nets were fraying and that replacement nets were \$47.99 each. He asked the Rec Board to approve replacing 6 for \$287.94. Wang noted this would be a recreation program expense and there should be enough to easily cover this expense. Lynds made a motion to approve. Morse seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

At 7:46pm on a motion by Rolueau, seconded by Hebert, the board voted 6-0 to adjourn.

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