

**Town of Barre
Recreation Board
December 6, 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, Carol Hebert, and Amanda Gray. Absent were Stacey Lynds, Moriah Fraga and Tyler Morse. 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, noting that Gray would need to leave early, moved to table items 6 and 10-12, and to take 8 before 7. Hebert seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

3. **Minutes** - Rouleau motioned to approve the November 1 minutes as presented. Hebert seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

5. **Facility request** – a) Rouleau described Disc Golf Vermont’s request to use the Quarries Disc Golf Course for their annual tournament May 22 and 23. He motioned to approve the request, subject to the \$100 total fee and a compliant certificate of insurance. Gray seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

8. **Water Bottle Filler Grant** – Green Up Vermont has a grant program funded from the Chittenden Solid Waste District to provide water bottle filling stations and up to \$1,000 for installation costs. The Selectboard must authorize applying for grants, but the Rec Board’s recommendation would be appropriate. Hebert asked about maintenance costs. Wang said the unit Green Up would provide did not require electricity or filters, and she would find out about other costs for the Selectboard’s consideration. Rouleau suggested the unit be installed in the alcove of the lower restroom, where a water fountain used to be. Rouleau made a motion to recommend the Selectboard apply for the grant. Gray seconded. The motion passed 4-0.

Gray excused herself from the rest of the meeting.

7. **Rec Supervisor report** – Coffrin reported on winterization of the Rec Area, hazard tree removal, and materials readied for spring, including split rail fencing for the roadside at the 44 Brook St parking entrance. The taped, laminated ‘restrooms closed for the winter’ restroom door signs have been replaced with permanent, removable ones.

13. **Other business** – Wang asked who would attend the Building and General Services grant ceremony. Farnham said he would go. Hebert said she would attend if she was in Montpelier that day. Wang asked whether Rouleau and Morse had met regarding standards for the Recreation Department, per the Rec Ordinance Working Group. Rouleau said they had not and would try to soon. Wang said she had been researching the skateboard park account balance and did not have a firm number yet, but the conservative number was still higher than Rouleau expected. She said once she had it as complete as possible, she would share the account details with Rouleau so he could check them against his records.

13. **Round table** – Farnham said the master switch at the Rec Area was off one night. He suggested a lock on the master switch so that only staff could throw that switch. He asked Wang to alert DPW he would be taking two more hay bales for the quarry hole barrier at the town forest. Hebert said the dog park gate was messed up again. Farnham said he would ask AH Fence for a recommendation on a different latch. She asked how she could see the full recreation reservation calendar to better prepare for meetings. Farnham suggested the Google Calendar link be shared with her, since that is easier to view. Wang did so. Hebert raised the concern about the schools being unable to have games on their home field. Farnham said the difficulty is those were championship games, and it can’t be known in April, when the adult ball leagues are scheduling for summer, whether the schools will make the championships in June. Hebert asked for a visual reference of which fields are where. Farnham said the fields used to be numbered, which could help clarify the Rec calendar. He said he would try to find that. Rouleau asked whether the Town Manager had decided yet on a port-o-let. Wang said he hadn’t. Rouleau emphasized the Rec Board had voted to recommend one. Farnham asked why it had to be an ADA unit. Wang said the regulations say if any port-o-lets are provided that at least one unit had to be accessible, so

if there was only one, that one had to be accessible. Farnham asked when the Rec Road gate gets closed now that the season is over and school traffic during the pandemic has the potential to rut the road. Wang said it was on the department head meeting agenda the next day. Farnham said the baseball “L” batting aid was left out, probably by Barre Community Baseball and Softball. He contacted them and they said they would put it away.

At 7:02pm the remaining three Board members left the meeting.

Recreation Board Members

approved by Doug Farnham

Stacey Lynds

David Rouleau

Tyler Morse

Moriah Fraga

Amanda Gray