

**Town of Barre  
Recreation Board  
February 7, 2022 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, Amanda Gray, Moriah Fraga, Tyler Morse, and Carol Hebert. Absent was Stacey Lynds. Also in attendance was staff liaison Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang.

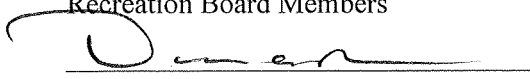
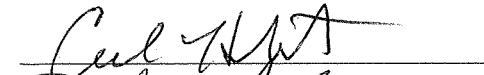

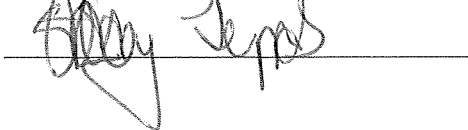
1. Chair Farnham called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. **Agenda** – Gray motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Morse seconded. The motion passed 6-0.
3. **Neighbor** – As the neighbor had not arrived, Farnham moved to the next item.
4. **Guests** – There were no guests for a matter not on the agenda.
5. **Minutes** - Hebert motioned to approve the January 3 minutes as presented. Morse seconded. The motion passed 6-0. Gray motioned to approve the January 12 special meeting minutes as presented. Hebert seconded. The motion passed 6-0.
6. **Facility requests** – a) Wang reviewed St. Monica and St. Michael’s School’s request for another mid-week race on the town forest trails. Gray motioned to approve the request, conditioned on receiving a compliant certificate of insurance. Morse seconded. Morse asked if there were fees. Wang said no. The motion passed 6-0.  
b) Farnham noted the BTMES request was for a past date. Wang said the manager’s office allowed it because there were no conflicts. Rouleau made a motion to retroactively approve the request and to waive the fee. Morse seconded. The motion passed 6-0.  
c) Wang said a request from Pride Ride was received, who wanted to hold a group ride on March 13, 10am-12pm. They’ve typically had 10-15 people at their events. They held two in the town forest with no issues. They said they would have a tent over the picnic table for hot cocoa and coffee after the event. Wang said she had asked whether Millstone Trails Association’s insurance would cover the event as in the past, or if they would provide their own. They had not answered yet. Morse motioned to approve the request, conditioned on providing their insurance or MTA’s. Rouleau seconded. The motion passed 6-0.
7. **Recreation Director Job Description** – Wang reviewed the job description proposed by the Recreation Ordinance Working Group. Rouleau said the Selectboard was considering it at their meeting the next day. Gray asked what the working group’s discussion was regarding how involved the Recreation Director would be with the youth leagues. Wang said the group thought to start it would be a partnership, to see where the Recreation Director could be helpful, and maybe it would grow to be more than that. Gray recommended specifying the Recreation Director was required to attend night meetings of the Recreation Board. By consensus, everyone present agreed with the job description as presented but with that addition.
8. **Egg Hunt 2022** – Gray said she met with Barre City Recreation Director Stephanie Quaranta. The date was set for April 16. She said she reached out the Barre Partnership and was waiting to hear back. The Board provided their availability to help that day. Various next steps were agreed on.
9. **Movie night** – Rouleau said he was waiting to hear back from the Rotary Club.
10. **Spring into Summer 2022** – After some discussion, the Board agreed by consensus to skip Spring into Summer Fest in 2022 and concentrate on movie night(s) and the Fall Festival.
11. **Other business** – Wang said the Recreation Budget was scheduled to be on the March 8<sup>th</sup> agenda of the Budget Committee. She drew Board members’ attention to the “Grow a Tree” program information in their packets and invited members to speak up if they wanted to do something with it. She updated the Board that the barricades for the quarry hole at 44 Brook St. would be placed in the spring. In the meantime, the Thunder Chickens have put up snow fence.


**13. Round table** – Gray asked for the timeline regarding the MOU with Barre Town School about field striping. Wang said she discussed it with the Facilities Director Jaime Evans, who wasn't looking to change the arrangement but was open to having it in writing. Wang said she was aiming to have it done by the March meeting. Gray said at the March meeting she'd like to discuss activities for the bike paths and playgrounds, like the picture 'hunts' they had done last year.

Farnham shared that David Christiansen informed him that the state softball tournament had been approved by the state association for Barre City and Barre Town in August. That makes Farnham's discussions with the baseball and softball people about making the baseball field multi-use more urgent. He noted that if agreement could not be reached, the tournament would be played on just two fields, one each in the city and town.

At 7:12pm on a motion by Rouleau, seconded by Morse, the Board voted 6-0 to adjourn.

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