

**Town of Barre
Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
May 2, 2022**

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, May 2, 2022 starting at 6:00 pm. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, 149 Websterville Road. Board members present were: Doug Farnham, Moriah Fraga (remotely), Amanda Gray, Carol Hebert, Stacey Lynds, Tyler Morse (remotely) and Dave Rouleau. Also attending were town manager Carl Rogers, maintenance supervisor Dwight Coffrin, and MTA representative Kevin Spaulding.

Chairman Doug Farnham called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Stacey Lynds made a motion to approve the agenda with the modification that item 6 come before item 5. Carol Hebert seconded the motion. The motion was approved without dissent.

Dave Rouleau made a motion to approve the April 4, 2022 meeting minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Lynds and approved unanimously by the Board.

There were no guests for non-agenda items.

MTA –

Kevin Spaulding reviewed Millstone Trails Association’s cross-country ski trail grooming report for the 2021-2022 winter. The Board members followed along in the written report supplied in their meeting material. Rouleau asked if MTA ever used trail counters to count users. Spaulding said they have not. Rouleau mentioned there are laser beam counter devices for use on trails. Amanda Gray made a motion to approve a \$1,021.96 donation to MTA in recognition of their winter trail grooming. Lynds seconded the motion, which the Board approved by a vote of 7-0.

Facility Use –

Gray made a motion, seconded by Lynds, to approve Barre Community Baseball’s use of the South Barre Park ballfields from early May to mid-June with the field use fees waived. The motion was approved unanimously.

Rouleau made a motion to approve Barre Community Baseball’s request to use the little league field May 7 to June 19 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am to 9:00 am with fees waived. Hebert seconded the motion, which the Board approved by a 7-0 vote.

Rouleau made a motion to approve Vermont Creamery’s request to use the softball field and soccer field/track area on July 1 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, conditioned upon VT Creamery providing a certificate of insurance naming the Town an additional insured and paying a \$20 field use fee. Hebert seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

The Board began discussing Barre/Spaulding Men’s Soccer’s request to use the lower soccer field. Due to questions about how many games per Sunday would be played, or if they would play every Sunday, the Board skipped over this item until more information was available.

There was brief discussion about the field use fees and waiting until the fall to consider changing the rates for 2023.

Rouleau made a motion to approve the Dog Park Committee's request for exclusive use of the auxiliary parking area for its yard sale on Saturday, June 4 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Gray and approved unanimously.

Rouleau made a motion, seconded by Gray, to approve Barre/Spaulding Men's soccer use of the lower soccer field Sunday mornings from May 22 to August 14, conditioned on Barre Men's Soccer submitting a schedule and a certificate of insurance. Motion approved 7-0.

Supervisor's Report –

Dwight Coffrin distributed a report. The crew and he started working April 25. He stated one part-time helper has been hired. The water was turned on last week. Lumber to repair the softball dugout roofs was delivered and he hopes to reset the roofs this Friday. Tennis and pickleball courts are set up. Rouleau asked about an Upper Websterville basketball backboard. Coffrin said it was removed for sandblasting and re painting. He said he would like help with the new 44 Brook Street fence.

Gray asked Farnham to skip to agenda item 10 before Coffrin leaves.

Baseball Field –

Farnham reported the Selectboard was agreeable to the latest baseball field modification idea. Rouleau made a motion to proceed with the plan to make the baseball field ready for multi-use. Lynds seconded the motion. There was discussion. Farnham said the second base area to be skinned has not been determined. He reminded the Board the state softball association would like to hold a state tournament at Barre Town on August 13 and 14. He said no work on converting the field will be done unless the two local men's softball leagues submit a \$4,000 donation by the end of May. The money is for the portable baseball mound. A work bee is tentatively scheduled for July 16. The Board voted 6-1 to approve the motion. Gray voted no.

Rockfire –

On a motion by Rouleau and seconded by Hebert the Board voted 7-0 to approve Rockfire's request to use town forest trails at dark on Saturday, June 25, conditioned upon the organizers clean-up the campfire ashes, stages and all luminaries.

Movie Night –

Lynds reported there are two companies from which to buy rights to use the movie. The cost for a gathering of 50-200 people is \$435, or rights could be acquired for three movies for \$405 each. The Board was considering the movie BFG. The inflatable screen and blower have been delivered. Lynds moved and Rouleau seconded to authorize purchase of the license (\$435) for showing BFG. Rouleau seconded the motion and the Board approved it by a vote of 7-0.

Fall Festival –

Farnham asked the members to think about holding the festival on September 24.

Egg Hunt Review –

Rouleau said he thought the egg hunt went well; there was a better selection of eggs and candy. Lynds asked about a book give-away, which used to be offered. Rouleau said there should be a plan, like using the Barre City Auditorium, in case of incimate weather.

44 Brook Street Signage –

Rouleau said at the April meeting he was just suggesting placing icon signs on the large green front sign to show what activities are not allowed in the town forest.

Discussion ensued about traffic and impact on the neighborhood. The board asked that the maintenance supervisor buy 6 tall orange traffic cones to be used for traffic calming during large events like the May 21, 22, disc golf tournament.

Calendar –

Farnham demonstrated how small recreation calendar entries appear on a cell phone. He was thinking about color coding the entries by field. Rogers advised staff talked about this. To use the More Details feature staff will look into moving the recreation calendar from Google to the town website provider calendar format.

Other Activities –

Lynds asked about permanent markings or designs on the bike path pavement. She will get some designs.

Other Business –

There was no other business.

'Round the Table –

Hebert said she would take down the bear signs on the bike path. Lynds offered to do it because she was going there anyway. Rouleau asked that next month the Board talk about painting pickleball court lines on the tennis courts. He said he would accept re-appointment to the Board. Farnham said he received a message from Angela Valentinetti about helping with ice cream socials. Rouleau said he heard from Denise Goodnow who also offered to help. The Board asked for ice cream socials to be added to the June meeting agenda. Farnham will invite Valentinetti. Rouleau will invite Goodnow.

At 8:25 pm, on a motion by Rouleau, seconded by Gray, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

Recreation Board Members









