

**Town of Barre
Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2022**

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022, starting at 6:00 pm. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, 149 Websterville Road. Board members present were: Doug Farnham, Dave Rouleau, Carol Hebert, Annette Neddo, Stacey Lynds and Amanda Gray. Also attending were town manager Carl Rogers, maintenance supervisor Dwight Coffrin and guests Heather Slayton and Cassandra Demarais.

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

David Rouleau made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Amanda Gray seconded the motion, and the Board approved it 6-0.

Rouleau made a motion, seconded by Carol Hebert, to approve the August 1, 2022, meeting minutes as submitted. The Board voted 6-0 to approve the motion.

There were no guests for non-agenda items.

Facility Use Requests –

- a) **C.V. Babe Ruth Baseball** – On August 16 C.V. Babe Ruth submitted a request to use the baseball field for practice on Wednesday evenings between 5:00 and 8:00 pm starting August 24 and continuing to October 5. The Babe Ruth organization acknowledges having to work around SHS field hockey team’s use of the outfield. Rouleau made a motion to approve C.V. Babe Ruth Baseball’s use of the baseball field on Wednesday evenings from August 24 to October 5, 2022, with the understanding Babe Ruth has to work around the field hockey team’s use of the field; and waiving any fees that might be applicable. Gray seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- b) **Barre Community Baseball (BCB)** – It was August 11 when BCB submitted a request to use the South Barre Park ball fields Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 6:45 starting August 25 and continuing to October 13. Rouleau made a motion, seconded by Stacey Lynds, to approve BCB’s request. The board voted 6-0 to approve the motion.
- c) **Christ Community Alliance Church** – Two days after receiving the Board’s approval to use the East Barre Park on September 25, the church requested permission to use the park on August 28. Permission was granted. Rogers noted and Coffrin confirmed, the church removed all their trash after the August 28 gathering, as requested. Rouleau moved and Hebert seconded, to retroactively approve the Christ Community Alliance Church’s use of the East Barre Park on August 28.
- d) **Adaptive Soccer** – Heather Slayton and Cassandra Demarais were present for this request. The Sunday morning clinics are for children with autism. The new Barre Adaptive Soccer is affiliated with Vermont Soccer Association and US Youth Soccer’s TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer). Barre Adaptive Soccer requests permission to use the upper soccer field on Sundays from 11:00 am to noon starting September 11 and continuing to October 16. A certificate of insurance was submitted. Slayton and Demarais stated there were 18 children at the September 11 clinic. Twenty-one people, mostly high school student-athletes, signed up to be “buddies” during the clinic. Slayton advised their group will officially be known as TOPSoccer – Capital Region. Rouleau made a motion to approve TOPSoccer-

Capital Region's use of the upper soccer field on Sunday mornings from 11:00 to noon, September 11 to October 16, inclusive. The board approved the motion unanimously.

- e) **BTMES** – Rouleau moved, and Hebert seconded, the motion to approve the Barre Town Middle and Elementary School's field hockey, girl's soccer and boy's soccer teams' use of the upper and lower soccer fields, the baseball field and softball field outfield during the period August 31 to October 21. The Board approved the motion unanimously.

Maintenance Report – Coffrin gave his report stating the routine maintenance work performed by the crew and the special or additional work done since the last meeting. Rouleau asked if the cedar trees around the tennis/pickleball courts could be trimmed. He asked about the status of the water bottle filling station. Farnham said some no parking signs along the driveway and lower soccer field are missing.

Baseball Field Transition – Farnham reported 21 teams played in the state championship tournament in the Recreation Area. Forty-three games were played during the tournament. He said if the event or similar event is held there again, portalets will be needed. On the baseball field, he believes a small dirt, slide area is needed at the softball first base location. Overall, the Vermont softball association was happy with the tournament. There was discussion of having workers present all day during the tournament. Hebert asked if volunteers could help.

Farnham noted the softball home plate needs to be replaced and the door to the ladies room at the lower restroom needs to be replaced.

Fall Event – The board skipped over item 8 to discuss the Fall Event with Coffrin present. The board began the discussion by talking about pumpkin carving and/or lighting. The consensus of the Board was to forego that activity. The Board noted the event would be like a potluck dessert social starting at 2:00 pm at the picnic shelter. Most Board members said they would be present to help. Lynds volunteered to prepare the flyer. Hebert offered to buy paper products and cider. Gray said she might have access to event appropriate table covers. The Board said it would be interested in having a cider press demonstration if one could be found. Rogers said he would ask someone. Gray made a motion to authorize Hebert to buy cider and paper products. Rouleau seconded the motion, and it was approved 6-0.

Movie Night – Twenty to thirty people attended the movie night on August 13. The Board commented the area behind the picnic shelter was better than the softball field for the outdoor movie. The sound system was not ideal that night. The Board expressed interest in continuing the movie night next summer and offering movies for teens. The Board discussed purchasing its own projector and sound system.

Other Business – There was no other business.

Round Table – Rouleau informed the Board the person who volunteered to help with the 2022 ice cream socials contacted him. He said the volunteer got sick and was unable to organize the events. The volunteer wants to be involved next year. There was discussion about the schedule and using more than just Tuesday nights to offer the socials.

Rouleau wondered about engaging with the school and PTO to help spread the information about movie night and hosting a winter, indoor movie. He also tossed out the idea of family bingo during the winter. An open gym event also was mentioned. During budgeting, he said, the Board and staff should keep outdoor pickleball nets in mind. He reported the dog park committee wants to improve the muddy entrance at the park gate. The committee received a quote for placing gravel, but he thinks it is too much money. He asked if the town engineer could provide some advice. He noted a number of teenagers are hanging out in the Recreation Area after school and in the evening. He has seen them climbing on the dugout roofs. Finally, he

said the Vermont Senior Games have some interest in using the Barre Town and Barre City pickleball courts for its state-wide tournament next August.

At 7:39 pm, on a motion by Rouleau, seconded by Gray, the Board voted 6-0 to adjourn.

Recreation Board Members









