

**Town of Barre
Recreation Board
Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2020**

The Town of Barre Recreation Board held a public meeting on Monday, March 2, 2020 in the Municipal Building at 149 Websterville Road. Board members present were Doug Farnham, Dave Rouleau, Terry Smith, Rolland Tessier, Stacey Lynds, Amanda Gray, and Moriah Fraga. Also present were Craig Locarno and assistant town manager Elaine Wang.

1. Chair Farnham called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. Wang asked the Board to postpone agenda item #6, the Millstone Trails Association agreement, to next month as their representatives could not attend. Rouleau asked to move #7, the visit from Barre Community Baseball and Softball, above #5, out of consideration for the guest for #7. Smith moved that the agenda be approved as amended. Gray seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved the vote.
3. Tessier made a motion to approve the February 3, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. Fraga seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.
4. No guests were present for non-agenda items.
7. **Barre Community Baseball and Softball (BCBS) plans.** President Craig Locarno said they plan to request the Rec Area Little League and South Barre fields for practices this year. He said enrollment for the age 4-8 programs are strong, and weak for older ages through 13. Farnham asked for an update on the lights on the Spaulding field. Locarno said he had not received confirmation from previous (BCBS) members on ownership. Wang said that the former Spaulding Athletic Director and current Facility Director have confirmed BCBS owns the lights, poles, and other fixtures on that field. Locarno said they have new lights in their possession, but are required by Little League to mount them on metal poles. Farnham said the town would be interested in the lights still at the Spaulding Little League field, but only if that field was no longer in use. Board members said the field is in use. Wang asked if BCBS was interested in paying for a soil study this spring. Locarno said no, but they would be interested in supporting a drainage solution.
5. **Facility Requests** – a) St. Monica-St. Michael School requested their Millstone West bike path reservation be changed to June 9, 12p-7:30p. Rouleau motioned to approve conditioned on receipt of proof of insurance with the town as an additional insured. Tessier seconded and the motion passed 6-0.
b) Vermont Rustic Moose requested the town forest for their kid camps June 22-26, July 6-10 & 20-24, and August 3-7. Smith motioned to approve conditioned on receipt of proof of insurance with the town as an additional insured. Tessier seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
c) Barre Lions Club requested the Quarries Disc Golf Course for June 2, 4:30pm to dark. They had already submitted a compliant certificate of insurance. Smith motioned to approve. Tessier seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
d) Barre Town Middle and Elementary School’s Parent-Teacher Organization requested the Millstone West bike path and Rec Area track for June 7, 9am-2pm for their color run fundraiser. Smith motioned to approve conditioned on receipt of proof of insurance with the town as an additional insured. Tessier seconded and the motion passed 7-0.
8. **Disc Golf Agreement** – Wang provided a copy of the agreement renewal amended per the Rec Board’s direction at their February meeting. Gray motioned to authorize the Recreation Board Chair to sign the Disc Golf Operations and Maintenance Agreement with the Disc Golf Course Organizers as presented and to recommend the Selectboard adopt the agreement. Lynds seconded and the Board approved the motion 6-0, with Rouleau abstaining from the vote.

9. **Egg Hunt** – Wang shared information from her conversation with the Barre City Recreation Director, Stephanie Quaranta, about the location of the Egg Hunt. The Board discussed what they would like to support. Smith made a motion to contribute \$750 to contribute to filled eggs, an ad in The World not to exceed \$200, and to spend \$30 for special prizes. Wang noted that the agenda item was not warned for action. The motion died for lack of a second. The Board directed Wang to have the action on the next agenda.

10. **Spring into Summer Fest** – Smith provided updates on planning so far. Gray, Lynds and Rouleau discussed tasks for themselves, including contacting partners and recruiting for volunteers. Gray asked about an online folder so that contact information could be shared. Wang said she would set one up in her work cloud so that the town would always have access to it.

11. **Survey results** – Wang shared the results from the survey on teen programs, which netted 46 responses and 13 emails provided by people who said they would or would maybe help out. The top vote was for an escape room. The Board decided there would be too much work involved. The next top vote was for a kickball tournament. The Board discussed having it in the fall, logistics, and next steps.

12. **Slide at Lower Graniteville Playground** – Some playground users have noted their children have fallen off the sides of the metal slide. The slide was not called out in a safety audit conducted in 2017 by the town’s insurer, but according to the federal government’s Public Playground Safety Handbook it is not compliant. The main issue is the openings on the stairs and between the stairs and handrail; all openings on a playground must be less than 3.5” or greater than 9” so as not to pose an entrapment hazard. The Board directed Wang to determine the cost of making the slide compliant so they could consider that before deciding whether to remove it.

13. **Sledding party** – Based on the forecast, the Board decided by consensus not to hold a sledding party the following weekend.

14. **Other Business** – Wang noted she will defer to Rouleau regarding when to have the snowshoe party and dog park agreement on the agendas as he is leading those efforts. She asked Lynds whether to hold off on any more plans for Open Gym until next year. Lynds confirmed.

15. **Round the Table**: Smith noted that Barre Town was invited to bid on the 2021 Legion Baseball state tournament. She also asked Farnham for an update on the banner program. Farnham said he was waiting on more information. Rouleau said pickleball continues to grow, with 26 players that past Sunday. Farnham noted his and Gray’s Board terms are up. Wang added that tickets for the Calcutta fundraiser for the softball lights were available and asked the Board to consider buying them or telling others about it.

At 8:37 pm on a motion by Tessier, seconded by Smith, the board voted 7-0 to adjourn.

Recreation Board Members

_ signed by Doug Farnham _____

_ approved by voice vote by Dave Rouleau _

___ Terry Smith _____

___ Amanda Gray _____

___ Stacey Lynds _____

___ Moriah Fraga _____
