

CITY OF BARRE PUBLIC BODY MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF BARRE PARKS & RECREATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time of meeting: Monday, August 10, 2026

Location of meeting: Alumni Hall – 3rd Floor – Roosevelt Conference Room 303

Committee: Rhodelene Premont (Chair), Edmond Rousse (Vice-Chair), Bernadette Guyette, Michelle, La Barge-Burke (Parks and Rec Director), Michael Deering II (City Council Liaison),

1. Meeting called to order at 5:02 P.M.
2. No adjustments to the agenda.
3. Public Comment
 - a. Michael Deering recommends changing the committee's meeting cadence to 1st Monday of the month starting September. However, the first Monday in September is Labor Day so no meeting will be held that day.
 - b. Rhodelene will reach out to the City's IT to see if a zoom link is available for use.
4. Approval of minutes of 7/13/2026 meeting
 - a. Ed Rouse made the motion to approve
 - b. Bernadett Guyette seconded
 - c. Passed
5. Agenda items
 - a. Microgrant approvals
 - i. Pancakes for the People holds pancake breakfast for the community every Sunday beginning July 26 - Oct 25 9am -12 pm. This is at the City Hall Park gazebo. Open to the public. They have requested \$250 for food, plates, utensils, and printing flyers.
 - ii. Ed Rousse made a motion to send recommend City Manager's approval.
 - iii. Bernadette Guyette seconded
 - iv. Passed
 - b. Heritage Festival Outcome
 - i. Rhodelene will send thank letters to the businesses who donated or volunteered for the events: Two Loco Guys, Simply Homemade, Chris Wadkins, Barre Town Parks & Recreation Board and Asian Gourmet.
 - ii. Approximately 75 kids participated.
 - iii. The group discussed interest to continue this for future years and ideas from debrief were: one game scenario for all age groups, use weighted cups for stacking, better on-street signage, clearer rules regarding multiple passes by a single player, selecting granite themed or historical games to better align with Barre heritage, moving location to be with other children's events, games such as capture the flag, providing a canopy or tent for relief

from the sun, water for volunteers, and booth/vendor tent to promote this committee. Barre Town Recreation Board suggested we begin conversation and planning for Barre's 250 year anniversary in 2029. Events like a train ride in the area or dinner trains. Hoping to get some

c. Recreation Department update of events – Michelle La Barge – Burke

- i. Dive in Movie is Saturday August 15th 8:30am, opens at 8pm. Admission is \$4 for kids, \$6 for adults, 65+ is free. There are 7 family pool passes at Aldrich Library that residents can sign out. Could use more volunteers to set up, greet guests, monitor the area, and direct traffic. Interested volunteers can reach out to Michelle La Barge - Burke and should arrive at 7:30 p.m.
- ii. Recreation Department's day camps were well received and successful!
- iii. Michelle is collaborating with BCEMS for an After School Program, Early Release and Summer Programs.
- iv. Elections will be on the 2nd floor of the Alumni Hall on Tuesday 8/11/26.
- v. Blood drive on Wednesday 8/12/26 from 11:30am - 4:30pm
 1. Then on September 16th
- vi. Paint & Mocktails is on Sunday, September 27 @ 2pm-4pm at Alumni Hall Washington Room. Ages 8+, \$20 per person. Snacks, beverages, and painting supplies included.
- vii. Barre Passport
 1. Michelle will connect with Guy Norwood regarding the prize ceremony and scavenger hunt at Barre Town on September 26th
- viii. Discussed the committee's role to shift efforts by supporting and soliciting volunteers for Michelle's events.

d. New member push

- i. Michelle will provide the committee with list of activities/events for the year. The goal is for the committee members to recruit volunteers based on individuals' interest and listed events.

6. Next regular meeting: Monday, September 14, 2026, 5-7pm. Alumni Hall – 3rd Floor – Roosevelt Conference Room #303 contingent on meeting cadence item #3.

7. Adjourn

1. Ed Rousse made the motion
2. Bernadette Guyette seconded
3. Meeting adjourned at 6:15Pm.

Submitted by Rhodelene S. Premont