

# CITY OF BARRE PUBLIC BODY MEETING MINUTES

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**Committee/board:**

**Date of meeting:** June 7, 2021

**Location of meeting:** Zoom

**Board/committee members in attendance:** Brett Rubinate, Stephanie Quaranta, Linda Couture

**Board/committee members absent:** Kelly Ross

Visitors: Mayor Lucas Herring, Nancy Wolfe, Janelle Starr

**Topic(s) Discussed (use additional sheets as necessary):**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

An adjustment to the schedule was made to add information on the Ribbon Cutting for the pool .

Linda Couture volunteered to serve as the Chairperson of the committee and Kelly Ross will serve as Secretary.

Janelle Starr was present to observe the Recreation Committee meeting. She is new in Barre City and was interested in the committee. Nancy Wolfe has served on other City committees and expressed an interest in joining the Recreation Committee.

The swimming pool is in the final stages of reconstruction. The painting should begin this week contingent upon the weather. The last deck area will be completed this week. A new filtration system has been built and new decking is present around the pool. There will be new Lifeguard chairs, ladders and other items. The zero entry will have a railing in the middle. Committee members shared how this section will be beneficial to all ages. A ribbon cutting will be held on June 27, 2021.

The Summer Matters grant application was not successful. Additional funds were allocated and we were invited to apply for round 2. If successful it would lower the cost of the camps, season passes for families and children by 75%. It will also support 3 job training positions with 2 at the swimming pool and 1 at the BCS-Rec office. If we are not funded we will work hard to make sure everyone is aware that scholarship funding is available.

A Recreation Committee priority / objectives form was discussed. This outlines the tasks of the committee. All committees have submitted similar information.

A question was asked about where recreation information was posted. Janelle Starr mentioned she enjoys creating flyers and would be happy to assist with other technological ways to get the word out. Another member inquired about pool hours, referring to 2019 when hours were modified due to a shortage of Lifeguards. Securing Lifeguards is still a challenge and our goal is to be open as much as possible, however safety has to prevail. There may be times when we need to close off the 3<sup>rd</sup> section of the pool in order to be safe.

Meeting adjourned 6:13 p.m.

Next Meeting: July 12, 2021