

# CITY OF BARRE

## PUBLIC BODY MEETING MINUTES

**Committee/board:** Recreation Committee

**Date of meeting:** May 2, 2022

**Location of meeting:** Virtual

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

**Board/committee members absent:** Kelly Ross, Nancy Wolfe

Visitor: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Egg Hunt: The Egg Hunt was a success. The weather was cloudy but the rain held off enough for the hunt. There was a wonderful turnout and this was one of the first large events since COVID.

Summer Pool Staff- At this point we are in need of Lifeguards for the summer. There appears to be a shortage of Lifeguards at other locations in Vermont as well as across the country. Details on the pool will need to wait until we see how many staff members we have as well as qualifications.

Expanding Access Summer Grant: Our grant application was successful and includes substantial reductions for 4 – 1 week camps as well as workshops with the UVM Extension Service. The camps will be Lego Robotics, Big Dig, Wild World Safari and Rocket Science. The camp is geared to ages 6 – 11. Workshops for 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders will be Make Your Own Jewelry, Stream Monitoring And Aquatic Ecology, Engineering Build Challenges and Make Your Own Custom Wigglebot. The workshops will be free of charge, covered by the grant. The full day week long camps will be at a substantial reduction with scholarship funding available for those who need the assistance. The grant will also reduce the cost of season passes by 50% for families and children at the swimming pool.

Other Business: The committee talked about nonresident rates for programs and the pool as well as a lead time for residents to enroll in the camps. Additional marketing strategies may be needed and the board is interested in assisting.

No action items were taken.