

CITY OF BARRE PUBLIC BODY MEETING MINUTES

Committee/board: Recreation Committee

Date of meeting: July 12, 2021

Location of meeting: Municipal Swimming Pool

Board/committee members in attendance: Stephanie Quaranta, Linda Couture, Kelly Ross, Nancy Wolfe

Board/committee members absent: Brett Rubinate, Janelle Starr

Visitors:

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

The Recreation Committee meeting consisted of an on-site tour of the renovations to the municipal swimming pool. A walking tour was held explaining the dimensions of the old pool and what has been added. A new filtration system has been added inside a new storage building (the older one was underground). The new Lifeguard chairs, ladders, coping stone, decking and green space were all highlighted. A brief discussion was held on the shortage of certified Lifeguards or applicants who are able to complete the required first night skills. The benefits of the Summer Matters and VOREC grant that has allowed us to reduce the cost of season pool passes for families and children by 50% was discussed. The board will review fees and resident/nonresident rates for 2022. The VOREC grant helped with 3 Lifeguard Training recerts, 1 full course / first time certification and 1 as a Water Safety Instructor. This assistance will help us to develop stronger swimming skills and interest more patrons in swimming not only in our pool but other valuable water and outdoor resources in Vermont. Board Chairperson Linda Couture mentioned that she was hearing very favorable comments from people on the pool. She also mentioned that her children are enjoying the recreation USTA tennis lessons. Stephanie Quaranta noted that the attendance at the pool has been good and she is seeing many new people enjoying the pool this summer.