

CITY OF BARRE PUBLIC BODY MEETING MINUTES

Barre City Parks & Recreation Committee

Date of meeting: Wednesday 12/10/2025

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

Recording: [Parks & Rec Committee Meeting - 12/10/2025](#)

Members in attendance: Joshua Piascik, Bernadette Guyette, Rhodelene Premont

Others in attendance: Michelle LaBarge-Burke, Barre City Parks & Recreation Program Coordinator, Michael Deering II Barre City Council Liaison, Larry Rogacki, Barre Town Parks & Recreation Committee member

1. Call to order
 - a. Called to order.
2. Adjustments to the agenda
 - a. Councilor Deering proposed to establish officers for the committee.
 - I. Chair - Josh Piascik
 - i. *Unanimous vote by all members*
 - II. Vice Chair & Secretary – Rhodelene Premont
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 - b. Councilor Deering reminded the committee of the Committee Resource page on the Barre City website.
3. Barre Town Recreation Committee member, Larry discussed partnering with Barre City committee to have a sledding party & snowman making at Elmwood Avenue.
 - a. Date: Saturday January 10, 2025 10AM-12PM (January 17th will be makeup date)
 - b. Actions items
 - I. Bernadette & Michael to champion planning. Communication via email.
 - i. Advertisement before school Christmas Break.
 - a) Josh will create a flyer & poster.
 - b) Bernadette & Micheal will send to Superintendent and BCEMS & BTEMS.
 - c) Send to the local schools, daycare centers, and post at Aldrich Library. Post on City's website/Facebook page and bring up at City Council meeting.
 - II. Hot cocoa
 - i. Rhodelene will reach out to the Unitarian Universalist Church to borrow carafe. Larry will check with Guy. Josh will also look for cambros.
 - ii. Rhodelene will bring generator to use for plug in.
 - iii. Bernadette will reach out to Hannaford's to get donation for hot cocoa and cups.
 - III. Tables - Bernadette
 - IV. Student Volunteer
 - i. Josh and Rhodelene to talk to Spaulding Highschool
 - V. BYOS, Bring your own sled. Stone's has a sleds to the public to borrow
 - i. Bernadette will bring her sleds
 - ii. Larry will check with Stone's Service to borrow their sled
 - VI. Create a feedback form for attendees to complete
 - i. Send Michelle the questions

- ii. Michele will create a feedback form using Wofo with a QR code.
 - a) QR code on poster, post on Facebook, and city website
 - iii. Larry will send us the questions they used for the Easter Egg Hunt.
- 4. Microgrant proposal application and execution
 - a. Microgrant is part of the Flood Resiliency Plan and is funded from the Special Projects Fund for more recreation and gathering opportunities.
 - I. One time, \$5000 funding
 - II. Accepting \$300-\$500 microgrants applications. Application approval will be made by the City Council.
 - b. Ideas for microgrant proposals
 - I. Recess bags
 - II. Pool passes
 - c. Josh to send the created application form to Michael to include in the packet for City Council meeting on 12/16/2025.
- 5. New members push
 - a. Rhodelene has reached out to community members. Chandra Pollard is interested in coming to the January Meeting. Three are potentially.
 - b. Michael discussed the process to increase committee members (if needed).
- 6. Public Comment – no public comments.
- 7. Approval of minutes from 9/10/2025.
 - a. Josh motioned to approve meeting, seconded by Bernadette, approved.
- 8. Parks and Rec Vision and Mission
 - a. Group discussed proposed Mission, Vision, and Core Values.
 - b. Group will review the final version at the January meeting to present to City Council for approval.
- 9. Open brainstorming and discussion
 - a. Community Event ideas spreadsheet provided to everyone
 - b. Murals around the City
 - I. Josh can get donated paint
 - II. Community activity
 - i. Paint by number style
 - ii. Afterschool or summer camp program, or booths during the Currier Park Concert Series.
 - III. By students, local artists, or Art teachers from the BCEMS or BTEMS
 - c. 2026 Winter Solstice Celebration
 - I. Collaborate with Barre Town Parks & Recreation
 - II. Coordinate with the Barre Aud Winter Solstice Basketball Tournament
 - d. One location that collects all the community events in Barre (City & Town)
 - e. Collaboration with community stakeholders
 - I. Invite Barre Social Club owners and Tracy Lewis from the Barre Partnership.
- 10. Bernadette motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Rhodelene, approved.

Special meeting Wednesday, January 21, 2025 at Alumni Hall- 3rd Floor – Roosevelt Conference Room 303

Person filing minutes: Rhodelene Premont