

CITY OF BARRE PUBLIC BODY MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF BARRE PARKS AND RECREATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time of meeting: Wednesday, JANUARY 21, 2026. 6-8PM

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

Members in attendance: Joshua Piascik (Chair), Rhodelene Premont (Vice-Chair, Secretary), Bernadette Guyette

Others in attendance: Michelle La Barge-Burke (Parks and Rec Director), Michael Deering II (Council Liaison), Sam Boeder and Saba Davis who are members of the public

1. Call to order

- a. Meeting called to order 6:10pm

2. Adjustments to the agenda - motion to adjust

- a. Request to discuss our roles and expectation of the committee member. September meeting minutes states we are considered an advisory committee. Want to clarify in case this has shifted
 - I. Motion by Rhodelene Premont
 - II. Second by Bernadette Guyett
 - III. Vote is passed
- b. Discussion about funding for the committee.
 - I. Rhodelene stated there are micro grants and other local grants we can apply for to fund committee events.

3. Public Comment

- a. Sam Boeder - new to community and wanted to join the meeting to see how he can be involved.

4. Approval of minutes from previous meeting : [12.10.2025 Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes .docx](#)

- a. Motion to approve by Rhodelene Premont
- b. Second by Bernadette Guyette
- c. Vote passed

5. Agenda items

- a. Community sledding party discussion. This event was in partnership with the Barre Town Parks and Recreation Board on 1/17/26. There were a few families who came. Thoughts for future events is to push social media vs sending flyers to schools. Although we can email the flyers to the school admins and hope they post it on bulletin boards and newsletters. Continue to post flyers on Barre City Recreation website.
 - I. Michelle request two weeks' notice ahead of the event to coordinate staffing needs.

- b. Easter Egg Hunt (partnering with Barre Town Parks and Rec)
 - I. Josh reminded the committee Barre Town Parks & Recreation Board meetings are the first Mondays of the month.
 - a) Committee plans to attend to continue planning conversations.
 - II. The event is on April 4th, at the BOR.
 - III. Michelle has found an inflatable bouncy house that can be used outside but may need to use tarps.
 - a) Michelle is working on a petting zoo and brought up an idea to partner with the Humane Society for potential adoption.
 - c. New members push
 - I. Two community members are interested in joining the committee.
 - II. Saba Davis is interested and gave an idea to do an ice cream social.
 - d. Parks and Rec Vision and Mission approval of final draft that will be presented for Barre City Council to adopt the charge. [Barre Parks & Rec Mission, Vision, Values Statement.pptx](#)
 - I. Motion to approve by Rhodelene Premont
 - II. Second by Bernadette Guyette
 - III. Vote passed
 - e. Partnering with other members of community (Barre Partnership, Rotary, Etc.)
 - I. Suggest the Neighborly Barre Committee; their mission is to get community engagement through volunteer.
 - a) Suggestion to invite Neighborly Barre Committee to join our meeting
 - b) Michelle mentioned the Rotary Club is looking for Volunteers for the Black Bears Tournament the weekend 1/5/26 concession. Ed Rousse is the contact for the Rotary
 - f. Develop agenda for next meeting
6. Adjourn at 8:02 PM
- a. Motion by Bernadette Guyette
 - b. Second by Rhodelene Premont
 - c. Vote passed.

No meeting on 2/11/2026 due to no quorum. Joshua will notify Roxanna and plan for a special meeting.