

CITY OF BARRE PUBLIC BODY MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF BARRE PARKS AND RECREATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time of meeting: Wednesday, MARCH 20, 2026. 5-7PM

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: Annette Neddo, Barre Town Parks & Recreation Board member, Guy Norway, Director of Barre Town Parks & Recreation Board, Larry Rogacki, Secretary of Barre Town Parks & Recreation Board

1. Meeting was called to order at 5pm.
2. No adjustments to agenda
3. No Public Comment
4. Motion to approve minutes from previous meeting
 - I. Mover - Rhodelene Premont
 - II. Secunder - Bernadette Guyette
 - III. Vote - Passed
5. Agenda items
 - I. Easter Egg Hunt Event
 - a. This is a partnership with Barre Town Parks and Rec
 - b. Date April 4th 9am-11am. Egg hunt starts at 9:30am
 - c. Confirmed Volunteers
 - i. Spaulding HS students are filling 9K eggs with candy
 - ii. SHS volunteer for Easter Bunny Costume
 - iii. SHS volunteer for facepainting
 - iv. 8 adult volunteers
 - d. Supplies
 - i. Tables, chair, and mats request has been submitted to Michelle LaBarge - Burke
 - e. Activities
 - i. Ring toss
 - ii. Bouncy house
 - iii. Face painting
 - iv. Jump rope
 - v. Prizes
 - vi. Stickers, Drawing, Arts & Crafts
 - vii. Guy has some pre-made baskets for kids who arrive late and may have missed the Egg Hunt.
 - viii. Ian from Aldrich Library will do stories and book giveaways
 - f. Set up
 - i. Volunteers arrive Friday 4/3 at 6:30pm
 - ii. Volunteers arrive Saturday 4/4 @ 8am to spread the eggs.
 - iii. Bouncy house will be delivered and set up on Saturday @ 8:30am
 - g. Miscellaneous and task to be completed

- i. Guy will be getting the egg return containers from SHS . Receptacles will be by the entrance/exit
 - ii. Volunteer needs
 - 1) 1-2 SHS student volunteers for facepainting
 - 2) 1-2 SHS student volunteers for bouncy house
 - iii. Rhodelene will print the survey QR posters to post around the rink
 - iv. Rhodelene will print 150 flyers including a map of the activities and the survey QR code.
 - v. Volunteers will be directing families towards the concession and to the bleacher are and around the rink.
 - vi. Larry & Guy will have the sound/mic system and will call each age group to the turf
 - vii. Yellow volunteer shirts will be given out
 - viii. Josh will check with Michelle to post the flyers on the Barre City website, Facebook and Front Porch Forum.
 - ix. Josh will check with Michelle and make sure the Rotary Club will be able to do the concessions
- h. Advertisement
 - i. Guy said he will have these posted on The Washington World, Barre Town Front Porch Forum, and Facebook

II. Confirmation and commitment for future meetings day and time

- a. Rhodelene has been in communication with the staff at Barre City staff and asked for other times on Monday, Tuesday or Friday. 5pm or 5:30pm is available on Wednesdays. Waiting for a response regarding Mondays, Tuesdays, or Fridays.
- b. Bernadette may be able to do Thursdays
- c. Committee agrees to avoid Wednesday if possible.
- d. Rhodelene motioned move decision until next meeting while we wait for the city to respond with additional day availability.
- e. Seconder - Bernadette Guyette
- f. Vote - passed

III. New members push

- a. Ideas
 - i. Junior membership will be a great opportunity for students to engage in the community and participate in local government.
 - 1) Talk to the SHS student council and guidance office.
 - 2) Bernadette will discuss with Micheal to get 7/8 grader members
 - ii. Tables at BCEMS Open House and SHS Step Up Night at the beginning of the year (Sept/Oct). The idea is to get community volunteers and to encourage Junior Members.
 - iii. Ask Michelle to post a "looking for volunteers" flyer on the Barre City Facebook page and Front Porch Forum.

IV. Other points of interest

- a. Send "Thank You" letter to businesses who donate to the Parks & Recreation Community events.
 - i. Josh will write a letter on the Barre City letter and send to Michelle LaBarge - Burke
 - ii. Post this on the Barre City website and Facebook

- b. Free Pool Passes to be given out to community members. This is great opportunity to help members of the community. This could potentially bring more people to the community pool.
 - i. Funding ideas
 - 1) Use of the Barre City microgrant. This is part of the Flood Resiliency Plan and is funded from the Special Projects Fund for more recreation and gathering opportunities.
 - 2) Rhodelene will discuss with Marily Davis the VFW grants
 - 3) Rhodelene will look for other local grant opportunities

6. Adjourn at 6:02pm

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- III. Vote - Passed

Meeting submitted by Rhodelene Premont

Next meeting date/time/location: 4/8/2026 6pm-8pm, Alumni Hall- 3rd Floor – Roosevelt Conference Room 303

Proposed agenda for 4/8/2026 meeting

- I. Call to order
- II. Adjustments to the agenda
- III. Public Comment
 - a. Invite Barre Partnership
 - b. Invite Marily Davis to discuss Fix It Fair and Whiffle ball tournament
- IV. Approval of minutes from previous meeting
- V. Agenda items
 - a. Easter Egg Hunt results (partnering with Barre Town Parks and Rec)
 - b. Free pool passes
 - c. Review and approval of "Thank You" letter to Hannafords.
 - d. Confirmation and commitment for future meetings day and time
 - e. Wayfinding Signs
- VI. Adjourn