

## CITY OF BARRE PUBLIC BODY MEETING MINUTES

### DRAFT - CITY OF BARRE PARKS AND RECREATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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

Location of meeting: Alumni Hall – 3<sup>rd</sup> 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). Tracie Lewis, Barre Partnership. Chandra Pollard, Marilyn Davis, Charen Fergard, Ed Rousse, members of the public.

1. Meeting called to order 6:00pm
2. Adjustments to the agenda
  - a. Added an item to discuss future meeting cadence to Points of Interest.
3. Approval of meeting minutes
  - a. Motion -Rhodelene
  - b. Seconded – Bernadette
  - c. Vote passed
4. Public Comment
  - a. Marilyn Davis from Plainfield resident, attended to discuss ideas for future events she would like to collaborate with this committee.
  - b. Ed Rousse, Barre City Resident also a member of Rotary Club
  - c. Tracie Lewis, Executive Director of Barre Partnership
  - d. Chandra Pollard, Barre City Resident
4. Charen Fergard from Central Vermont Solid Waste District She gave a description of the work CVSWD has been doing and types of materials accepted at the new facility located on Granger Road in Berlin. Appointments are required at this time. She will collaborate with Ed Rousse for the Aldrich Library Rotary Club Breakfast on the lawn on July 25<sup>th</sup> to help with recycling.
5. Agenda Items
  - a. Marilyn Davis discussed an upcoming event and idea for future event.
    - I. Repair Fair
      - i. May 9<sup>th</sup> from 12pm – 4pm at the Barre Unitarian Church. This is co-hosted by Central Vermont Solid Waste District. Marilyn is requesting for the committee to help solicit volunteer “fixers” and to notify the community of the event. They will have supplies to repair items, but any specialty items should be brought by attendees (e.g. golf grips)
    - II. Plastic ball and bat games or tournament

- i. An idea at this time, and she would like to see this event in Barre. This could give children opportunities to play and the use of the different ballfields in the area. Marilyn is requesting the committee to organize.
  - ii. Barre Heritage Festival Games & Activities
    - 1) Discussion to have the Barre City Parks & Recreation Committee holding activities/games for the kids during the festival. Such as relay race, corn hole, tub races, badminton, etc.
    - 2) Discussed a whiffleball tournament for adults during the Heritage Festival and may be a great fundraiser
- b. Annual. Rotary Club Drop and Swap at the BOR
  - I. Item drop is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. May 17<sup>th</sup> is the swap 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. \$2 donation and people can pick up as much items as they want. Remaining items will be collected by the Salvation Army.
- c. Barre Pool Passes
  - I. Passes have been purchased by the Rotary Club & Kiwanis Club that are available at Aldrich Library
  - II. Discussion to solicit donations from local organizations and businesses to fund family passes
    - i. Josh & Michelle to develop a letter to send to organizations & businesses.
  - III. The Aldrich Library staff has agreed to have these Pocket Parks and Pool passes available at the library.
- d. Thank you letters to businesses who donated to the Barre City & Barre Town Parks & Recreation Committee Sledding Party. Letters will be sent to Hannaford's, Stone's Service Station and Masonic Temple.
  - I. Motion – Rhodelene
  - II. Seconded – Bernadette
  - III. Vote passed
- e. New Members
  - I. It was mentioned that anyone who is looking to join the committee should complete the volunteer form from the Barre City Website.
  - II. Josh will provide Michelle with a poster/flyer to solicit volunteers and committee members.
- f. Set regular meeting cadence
  - I. 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month from 5 p.m. to 7p.m.
    - i. Motion – Rhodelene
    - ii. Seconded – Bernadette
    - iii. Vote passed
- g. Updates from Michelle

- II. Come Alive Summer Passports. Activities for the book are due April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- III. Tennis Camps
- IV. Three summer camps.
- V. Open Turf
- VI. Next blood drive is April 15<sup>th</sup>
- VII. Movie night at the BOR

6. Adjourn at 8:04 PM

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

Next meeting: Monday 5/11/25 5PM – 7PM at Alumni Hall – 3rd Floor – Roosevelt Conference Room 303