

**BARTON VILLAGE, INC.
MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES**

MINUTES

6PM, Oct. 26, 2015

PRESENT: David Ormiston, Ryan Longe, Nathan Sicard, Tin (Justin) Barton-Caplin, Kathy White (Barton Graded School Board Chair), Jennifer Cleveland (Orleans Record), Dolores Chamberlin, Jason Booth (Alrich & Elliott), Andy Sicard (BVI), John Nolan (Barton FD), Kevin Tartaglio (Barton FD), James Macey (Barton FD), Peter Lucier (Barton FD), Elizabeth Trail (Barton Chronicle)

A. Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

B. Changes to the Agenda / Additions or Deletions

C. Meeting Minutes - October 12, 2015

a. JBC motioned to approve October 12, 2015 Minutes with the following additions; RL seconded. Unanimous approval

i. Add Gagnon-Joseph to Nathalie's name

ii. Add September 28th, 2015 Minutes to approved Minutes

D. Privilege of the Floor

1. Luke Willard, Barton Ambulance

- a. Luke Willard was not present. David Ormiston indicated that Mr. Willard was concerned about ongoing capacity at the Barton Fire Department and communication between the Barton Fire Department and Barton Ambulance. Mr. Willard also indicated to Mr. Ormiston that the ongoing reliance on Orleans Fire Department puts the Barton Ambulance at a disadvantage.
- b. Fire Department Staff present indicated that the capacity issues at Barton Fire Department are ongoing and that they "are doing the best they can." They indicated that they did not understand how Barton Ambulance has been affected and that Luke Willard has not been in communication with them.
- c. NS indicated that the Trustees do not really have jurisdiction here and recommended that the Fire Department invite Mr. Willard to the next Barton Fire Department meeting on November 10th, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
- d. JBC will also attend this meeting as a Trustee liaison.
- e. John Nolan also indicated that the Barton Fire Department is in possession of all Village equipment previously held by Steve Bosley except an Antenna. Mr. Nolan will notify David Ormiston once the Barton Fire Department is in possession of this.

2. Dolores Chamberlin in regards to Barton Senior Center

- a. Dolores Chamberlin presented the Trustees with concerns about the operations at the Barton Senior Center with allegations of possibly abusive behavior and misappropriations of funds by Barton Senior Center staff.
- b. Trustees indicated that they have no jurisdiction over the Barton Senior Center. Trustees encouraged Ms. Chamberlin to bring her concerns to the Barton Senior Center Board of Directors, NEK Council on Aging, and/or the Vermont Department of Aging and Independent Living.

E. Correspondence

1. Letter from Kathleen Filkins

- a. David Ormiston presented the letter provided by Kathleen Filkins. Ms. Filkins indicated that her underground dog fence was damaged by Barton Village Staff during service repair work and is seeking reimbursement for the installation of new wire.
- b. Andy Sicard provided details as to the events around the damage and conceded that Barton Village staff were indeed responsible for the damage.
- c. Trustees indicated that the Department of Public Works employees should spend 1/2

hour determining if the underground cable can be found and then spliced.

F. Old Business

1. Barton Graded School - Req. to reconsider an abatement of all the fees assessed to Barton Graded School.
 - a. Kathy White, Barton Graded School Board Chair
 - i. Kathy White wanted to address the second meter at Barton School and provide additional information for the abatement request. Through discussion with David Ormiston it appears that the second meter was associated with the parcel across School Street from Barton Graded School and was previously used for the ice rink. It seems that this second meter was pulled in 1998 which seems to be the same time the ice rink was discontinued. Andy Sicard indicated that he has been unable to find a curb stop.
 - ii. NS indicated that even vacant lots with service connections are subject to the connection fee. However, with the School Street Project, the service connection can be removed from the parcel and will be in alignment with no longer charging the service connection fee.
 - iii. No action taken at this time
2. Resolution affirming and supporting art and artists in Barton and the Greater Barton area.
 - a. In the previous Trustee Meeting, Ed Helm asked the Trustees to pass a resolution to support Artists and the Arts
 - b. RL motioned to pass resolution proclaiming that the Barton Village Trustees support art and artists in Barton; NS seconded. 2-0-1 JBC stated support for the resolution but abstained due to standing relationship with the Barton Arts Group.

G. New Business

1. Engineering Construction Agreement, Aldrich & Elliott, School St. Project - Jason Booth
 - a. NS motioned to authorize David Ormiston to execute the agreement with Aldrich & Elliott, JBC seconded. Unanimous approval.
2. Notice to award, notice to proceed, and agreement, School St. Project - Jason Booth
 - a. NS motioned to authorize David Ormiston to execute the School Street Project agreement with JP Sicard effective October 28, 2015, JBC seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - b. Jason Booth indicated that he will email all Trustees on Change Orders associated with the project. David Ormiston will provide Mr. Booth with RL and JBC's emails.
3. Rural Development Application, School St. Project - Jason Booth
 - a. NS motioned to authorize David Ormiston to execute the application for assistance from Rural Development for the School Street Project, JBC seconded. Unanimous approval.
4. Renewal of Electric Dept. \$300,000 Note
 - a. NS motioned for the Board to execute Current Expense Note and Non-Arbitrage and Use of Proceeds Certificate Electric Co. Current Expense Note documents, JBC seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - b. Documents still need BVI Treasurer attestation/signature.

H. Other

1. Approval of Bills, Warrants and previous Warrant signed.
 - a. RL motioned to approve bills, warrants, and previous warrants signed, JBC seconded. Unanimous approval.

I. Executive Session

1. JBC motioned to enter Executive Session with David Ormiston at 7:12 p.m. to discuss personnel items and strategy related to the collective bargaining agreement and litigation involving Barton Village—the premature disclosure there of would put the Village at a significant disadvantage, RL seconded. Unanimous approval. David Ormiston left Executive Session at 10:20 p.m.
2. RL motioned to exit Executive Session at 10:57 p.m., JBC seconded. Unanimous approval.

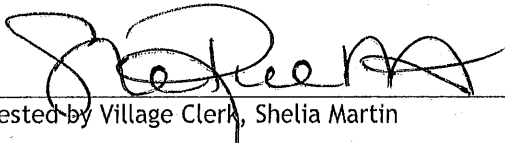
3. JBC motioned to decline to meet with other entities regarding Barton financial situation and instructs David Ormiston to continue working with our current attorney, RL seconded. Unanimous approval.
4. RL motioned to authorize David Ormiston to post 1st Class Lineman position after Trustee final review of job posting, JBC seconded. Unanimous approval.

Motion to Adjourn

1. RL motioned to adjourn at 11:00 p.m., JBC seconded. Unanimous approval.

Date of Next Trustees Meeting: November 9th, 2015 and Special Meeting on October 30th, 2015

Submitted by Board Clerk, Tin (Justin) Barton-Caplin



Attested by Village Clerk, Shelia Martin