

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

**DRAFT MINUTES
6PM, Nov. 23, 2015**

PRESENT: Nathan Sicard, Tin (Justin) Barton-Caplin, David Ormiston, Shelia Martin (BVI Treasurer), Elizabeth Trail (Barton Chronicle), Jennifer Cleveland (Orleans Record), David Mullett (VPPSA), Ryan Longe (Arrived at 6:40 p.m.)

- A. Call to Order: 6:00 p.m. by Nathan Sicard
 - B. Changes to the Agenda / Additions or Deletions
 - a. Add Hydro Project Update
 - C. Meeting Minutes – November 9th and November 17th, 2015
 - a. JBC motioned to approve November 9th and 17th, 2015 Minutes, NS seconded. Unanimous approval (2-0-0)
 - D. Privilege of the Floor
 - a. None
 - E. Correspondence
 - 1. Dorothy Campbell – Electric Rates
 - a. Trustees received letter with no comment / action
 - F. Visitors
 - 1. David Mullett – VPPSA
 - a. David Mullett provided an informal overview of VPPSA and role in assisting electric companies in Vermont.
 - b. No action taken
 - 2. Shelia Martin (BVI Treasurer) – Property Tax Update
 - a. Shelia Martin provided an overview of all the taxes collected
 - i. Tax Amounts to Collect: \$445,897.86
 - ii. Total Taxes Collected as of November 23, 2015: \$409,772.19
 - iii. Total Amount Due Treasurer: \$4,097.72
 - iv. Total Delinquent Taxes Transferred to Delinquent Tax Collector: \$36,125.71
 - b. No action taken
- G. Old Business
 - 1. Water/Sewer Rates
 - a. Discussion of proposed changes to water rates. Proposed Public Hearing on December 14, 2015 for water rate changes
- H. New Business
 - 1. Property Tax Abatements
 - a. JBC discussed how Paul Sicard asked about Tax Abatements during tax sale. Charter language had been reviewed that states a Board of Abatement must be convened which includes other village officials in addition to the Trustees. JBC will forward language from the Charter.

2. Responses to Audit RFP

- a. NS motioned to table Audit RFP discussion, JBC seconded. Unanimous approval.

3. Winter Parking Ban

- a. Discussion that DPW Staff are usually authorized to enforce the Winter Parking Ban
 - i. JBC motioned that Andy Sicard, DPW Foreman, be authorized to enforce the parking ban using provisions in the ordinance, NS seconded. Unanimous approval.

4. Village Center Designation Renewal

- a. Discussion of which municipality must complete the renewal. Discussion to expand the designation beyond the current boundaries.
- b. JBC and NS will coordinate with Barton Planning Commission.

5. Electric Job Posting Update

- a. David Ormiston provided an update on the position. Approximately 16 responses with a mix of 1st Class Lineman and 2nd/3rd year apprentices—mostly apprentices. David and Malcolm McCormick will review applications and begin initial interviews.

6. Hydro Dam Update

- a. David Ormiston provided an update from Bob Derochers for the Fish Passage Project. Mr. Derochers indicated that the project is substantially complete. Discussion of the need for a documented punch list.
- b. NS indicated that he would coordinate a completed walk through with Malcolm.

I. Other

1. Approval of Bills, Warrants and previous Warrant signed.

- a. JBC motioned to approve bills, warrants, and previous warrants signed, RL seconded. Unanimous approval.

J. Executive Session

1. Personnel

2. CBA Update

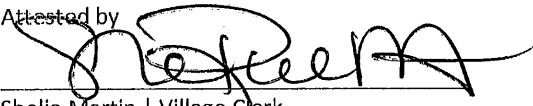
- a. NS motioned to enter Executive Session at 8:57 p.m. with David Ormiston to discuss personnel issues as well as strategies related to the collective bargaining agreement with IBEW Local 300, the premature disclosure there of would put Barton Village at significant disadvantage, JBC seconded. Unanimous approval.
- b. NS motioned to leave Executive Session at 10:15 p.m., RL seconded. Unanimous approval
- c. No action taken

Motion to Adjourn NS motioned at 10:15 p.m. to adjourn, RL seconded. Unanimous approval.

Date of Next Trustees Meeting: December 14, 2015

Submitted by Tin (Justin) Barton-Caplin

Attested by


Shelia Martin | Village Clerk