

BARTON VILLAGE INC.
MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES
DRAFT MINUTES
August 23, 2021 6 PM

PRESENT: Nate Sicard, Tin Barton-Caplin, Jacqueline Laurion, Kim Butler (via Zoom), Norm Bennett, Roger Wheeler, John Madden, Patrick Hurley (6:15 p.m.)

Call to Order: Called to order by NS at 6:08 p.m.

- A. Changes to Agenda / Additions or Deletions
 - a. None
- B. August 9, 2021 Minutes & August 12, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes
 - a. JBC motioned to approve the August 9, 2021 Minutes with following amendments and the revised 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes, JL seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - i. Add language related to the USDA grant
 - b. Augusts 12, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes tabled
- C. Privilege of the Floor
 - a. None
- D. Old Business
 - a. None
- E. New Business
 - a. Vermont Trappers Assoc. Annual Rendezvous (Fairgrounds Event) – Request for Firearm Discharge
 - i. JL motioned to approve the request for a firearm discharge permit on Sept 25, 2021 by the Vermont Trappers Association, JBC seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - b. Consider Design Grant Application for Storm Water Treatment Project for School Street/Church Street
 - i. Patrick Hurley presented an update on the storm water treatment project where Memphremagog Watershed Association would be apply for a block grant to design a stormwater treatment infrastructure
 - 1. JBC motioned to authorize Patrick Hurley to submit a grant application with Memphremagog Watershed Association as the grantee on behalf of BVI for the storm water treatment project, JL seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - c. Set the Tax Rate on 2021 Grand List
 - i. JBC motioned to approve the tax rates as presented by the Village Treasurer, JL seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - 1. Village – 0.1564
 - 2. Highway – 0.7831
 - 3. Water – 0.1187
 - 4. Wastewater – 0.1069

- 5. Total: \$1.1651
- d. Consider use of the ARPA Funds
 - i. Discussion of timelines for when funds need to be obligated (Dec 31, 2024) and expensed (Dec 31, 2026)
 - ii. Brainstormed a few ideas:
 - 1. Heating/Ventilation of Memorial Building
 - 2. Water/Wastewater systems changes
 - 3. Memorial Building Assessment of some sort
 - iii. Discussion of how to get more public engagement – perhaps place something on Facebook / webpage
- F. Other
 - a. Approval of Bills, Warrants, and previous Warrants signed
 - i. JBC motioned to approve bills, warrants, and previous warrants signed, JL seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - b. Trustee Mail
 - i. Orleans Village’s Public Record
 - 1. Counsel is work on this request
 - c. Office / Facilities / Operations
 - i. Electric Department
 - 1. Executive Session with Counsel – 7:00 p.m.
 - ii. Water/Sewer
 - 1. Consider WW Operator Advertisement for 2022
 - a. Tabled
 - iii. Highway –
 - 1. Highway Permit #248 Roaring Brook Rd
 - a. JBC motioned to approve the driveway permit for 248 Roaring Brook Rd, JL seconded. Unanimous approval
 - iv. Other / Memorial Building/Parks
 - 1. Set 2022 Pageant Park Rates
 - a. JL motioned to update the 2022 Pageant Park Rates with the following changes, JBC seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - i. Maintain rates for camping
 - ii. Season Family \$60
 - iii. Season Individual \$30
 - iv. 10 Punch Card \$25 (Per Person Punch)
 - v. Delete \$35 per night for RV Site
 - 2. Park Operation Procedures
 - a. Trustees will limit the number of cars per camp site
 - b. Payments for seasonal rentals must be submitted directly to the Village Office
 - 3. Feedback from Long Time Users of Pageant Park
 - a. Several trees need to be taken down

- b. Dumpsters need some locks as some people illegally using the dumpsters
- c. Explore if BVI needs to offer composting
- d. Explore extending the camp season
- e. Max sizes on the camp site locations
- f. Site 6 has a drainage ditch running thru it and it needs to be addressed

G. Executive Session:

- a. JBC motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:01 p.m. with Kim Butler (counsel) and our technical advisor, Cathy Swain, to discuss contract negotiations where the premature disclosure of information would put the Village at significant disadvantage and personnel items, JL seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - b. Kim left at 7:50 p.m.
 - c. Cathy Swain left 7:57 p.m.
 - d. JBC motioned to exit Executive Session at 8:28 p.m., JL seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - e. No action taken on contracts.
 - f. JBC motioned to approve the letter of employment and authorize NS to share with candidate. Unanimous approval.
- H. Adjourn: JBC motioned to adjourn at 10:04 p.m., JL seconded. Unanimous approval.

Date of Next Meetings: Aug 23, 2021

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

Attested by Shelia Martin | Village Clerk