

**Barton Village, Inc.**  
**Special Trustees Meeting**

Monday, June 5, 2023

6:00 pm

Barton Village Memorial Hall

**Agenda**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Changes to the Agenda/Additions or Deletions
- C. Privilege of the Floor

**ACTION ITEMS:**

NONE

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- D. Electric Department
  - a. Updates – Ongoing Activities
    - High Street
    - Hydro Plant
    - Integrated Resource Plan
    - Rate Case (potential executive session)
  - b. AMI – VPPSA Project
  - c. Utility Future [Brainstorming]

**OTHER ITEMS:**

- E. Other Business

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:**

- F. Personnel
- G. IBEW Contract
- H. Adjourn

**Date of Next Regular Board Meeting: June 12th, 2023**

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**Memorandum**

To: Barton Village Board of Trustees  
From: Crystal Currier  
Date: 06/05/2023  
Subject: Electric Department  
Agenda#: Agenda Item "D"

Ken Nolan, VPPSA's General Manager will be present to explain and/or answer questions related to filings/projects that VPPSA has prepared, filed and/or are engaged in on Barton's behalf – IRP, rate case, and AMI.

**Items for Discussion:**

High Street Site Investigation & Remediation

- Meeting held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Site Investigation provided by VHB 01/26/2022
- Supplemental Investigation Work Plan provided by VHB 07/12/2022
- Testing started May 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>
- Additional testing to occur approximately June 8<sup>th</sup>
- Reports due late summer
- Contract balance - \$75k -will be expended in CY 2023
- Remediation Costs unknown

Hydro

- Voltage regulator is repaired but has not been delivered and/or installed
- Caretakers building is torn down and taken away
- Diesel Generator Building – work beginning on June 2, 2023
- Fuel Oil Tank Removal – pending
- Penstock – major upgrade will require Village vote and PUC approval - approx. \$1 million

IRP [Integrated Resource Plan]

- What is an IRP and what exactly is being approved
- VPPSA Filed on 03/05/2023
- Public input/comments (due 06/02/23)

## Rate Case

- Surcharge was implemented in May billing
- May require partial refund if full rate not granted by PUC
- Public Hearing Held May 11<sup>th</sup>
- VPPSA responded to round one of discovery questions from Vermont Public Service Department [21 questions]
- Round two of discovery questions due June 9<sup>th</sup> [3 questions]
- Primary Cost Driver- Operations Contract

## AMI – VPPSA Project

- VPPSA Project Overview
  - Gross Cost
  - Grant Funding and Net Cost
  - Benefits
  - Timeline
- Participation

## Electric Utility Future [Brainstorming]

- Retain vs Sale
  - Determine the options – retain, sale, other
  - Determine the basis for evaluation/analysis ie: what criteria is important to the Board, voters and ratepayers
  - Establish who does the evaluation/analysis and what other resources are available and can be utilized
    - Consulting Contract
- Next Steps