

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

Monday, June 12, 2023

6:00 pm

Barton Village Memorial Hall

Attendance: Gina Lyon (Chair), Ellis Merchant, Marilyn Prue, Denis Hayden, Dave Billado, Michael Mainer from Aldrich & Elliott, Patrick Hurley from Memphremagog Watershed Association, Jacqueline Laurion (Clerk)

**Minutes**

- A. Call to Order:** Gina called the meeting to order at 6:01pm
- B. Changes to the Agenda/Additions or Deletions:** None
- C. Privilege of the Floor:** Denis Hayden; discussion regarding a Village right of way on Sunrise Avenue. It was decided that Mr. Hayden needs to have a conversation with Mr. Paul Sicard & Mr. Nate Sicard. The question posed to the trustees from Mr. Hayden was if they wanted him (Mr. Hayden) to give an area on his property to the Village to allow a turn around should he sell his property. The trustees were interested.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- D. Aldrich & Elliott** – The company chosen to conduct the engineering portion to facilitate the Wastewater Facility Upgrades. Michael Mainer reviewed both documents listed below and answered questions.
  - a. Engineering Service Agreements - The engineering study related to the upgrades will cost up to \$28,000
  - b. State Revolving Loan Fund Application - A 50% subsidy is being applied for from federal funding being administered by the State of Vermont.

A motion was made by Ellis Merchant to accept the Engineering Services Agreement and the State Revolving Loan Fund Applications as presented. Seconded by Marilyn Prue. All approved and documents signed.

- E. Memphremagog Watershed Association** – Trustee Support of Stormwater watershed project. Patrick Hurley, Project Manager of the Memphremagog Watershed Association discussed the proposed project. As Gina Lyon reported at the meeting on May 22, 2023, the Association is looking for the Board's support as the governing body – this

will help the Association with seeking funding opportunities for the project. The goal is to catch as much of the road sand & salt run off on 6 ½ acres from Irvings Gas down Church street and over to the railroad tracks.

In addition, an easement from the Village will be needed as the land where a portion of the project is located on village property as well as Solid Rock Assembly of God Church.

The work would be funded by grant programs offered by the State of VT. Upon completion of the project the Village takes ownership and the related ongoing maintenance. The first 15 yrs of maintenance is part of the grant. There are other grants available to fund ongoing maintenance. This is a low maintenance project.

Gina made a motion to move forward with the proposed **Memphremagog Watershed Association** project on 114 Church street and vicinity. Ellis 2nd the motion. All approved and support letter signed.

- F. Minutes from Regular Board of Trustees Meeting May 22, 2023 - No corrections or deletions. Marilyn made a motion to approve the minutes with no changes. Ellis seconded. All approved and minutes signed by Gina.
- G. Minutes from the Special Board of Trustees Meeting June 5, 2023 -No corrections or deletions. Marilyn made a motion to approve the minutes with no changes. Ellis seconded. All approved and minutes signed by Gina.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- H. **Results of Smoke Testing/Wastewater Maintenance** – Tim Dagesse was not able to attend the meeting, so this topic has to be tabled for a future meeting.

It was identified that there is some maintenance that will be needed (on the wastewater system) and some property owners who are in violation of the Village's sewer ordinance. Tim Dagesse, Barton's wastewater operator, is planning to send the property owners notification of the violation as it pertains to their property. A list of those property owners and a copy of the letter will be provided to the Board prior to moving forward.

- I. **Village Memorial Building Heating Furnace;** The old steam furnace is no longer operational. It has been red tagged and is no longer a viable option for heating. Andy Sicard is obtaining a few quotes for replacement and researching other options for heating the Memorial Building. The discussion turned to grant options available. There are not many steam companies available to work on such a system.

#### **J. Highway Safety Improvement Grant Application**

**FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES** - Barton Village is submitting a request for grant funding through the Highway Safety Improvement Program. The grant is for small scale projects to improve safety on Vermont's highways. Barton's application includes funding for line striping, stop bars and stop ahead markings. The Board will be updated

if the grant funding is received. Gina signed the grant application to fund line striping.

- K. **Office Hours:** Discussion around waiting for a Business Manager to make the decision regarding office hours for Village office on Fridays. Interviews for Business Manager will be forthcoming.
- L. **Management/Staff Report** (written report only); See agenda items for updated running list.

**OTHER ITEMS:**

- M. Other Business - Barton Village 4th of July Parade  
Village FaceBook page & access

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:**

- N. NONE
- O. Adjourn: Gina motioned to adjourn 7:40pm, Marilyn 2nd.

**Date of Next Regular Board Meeting: June 26, 2023**

**Submitted by Regina (Gina) Lyon, Board Chair**

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**Attested by Shelia Martin, Village Clerk**