

Barton Village, Inc.
Special Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, July 17, 2023

6:00 pm

Barton Village Memorial Hall

Attendance: Gina Lyon (Chair), Ellis Merchant, Marilyn Prue

Thomas Beach, Emily Cole, Bob Ferlazo, Meghan Wayland, Joan Vincent, Ally Howell, Patsy
Tompkins, Jacqueline Laurion (Clerk)

MINUTES

- A. **Call to Order:** Gina called the meeting to order at 6:03PM
- B. **Changes to the Agenda/Additions or Deletions** – None
- C. **Privilege of the Floor:** Bob Ferlazo; came to the meeting with three items to discuss. First, he inquired about the bond the village voted on in early 80's for installation of sewer system and treatment plant. Crystal Currier was able to advise that there were two bonds for the Wastewater Treatment plant; one bond is with the Vermont Bond Bank while the other bond is with USDA. She will dig a bit further on those bonds and provide additional details. Mr. Ferlazo provided his email for her to respond directly. Second, Mr. Ferlazo inquired how the Village was handling water run-off that takes place with new home construction. With new homes being built in the area, the water drainage from higher elevated properties is running down into lower lying properties causing issues that that property owner has to handle vs the property owner where the run-off originated from. The Trustees stated they would speak with Andy Sicard regarding this question and circle back with a response. The third question was related to the ditch drainage on Pageant Park Road. It needs to be cleaned out from Eastern Ave down to Pageant Park. With the storms we have experienced, the ditches are not able to hold the flood waters and twice the water has jumped the ditch banks and caused a lot of road damage to Cottage Lane and Lake Front Lane. Both roads are private roads and due to the water coming over the banks from the ditches it is at the cost of the homeowners that live on these roads to have them repaired. Mr. Ferlazo noted there is still run-off during regular rainstorms. The Trustees will speak with Andy Sicard about having the ditches cleaned out. Marilyn Prue wanted to take a moment and thank the folks that assisted with the flooding that the Village experienced – specifically, commending Gina Lyon on her time that she spent at the Emergency Shelter.
- D. **ACTION ITEMS:**
- E. **Barton Memorial Building -Use of Space**

- a. **NEK Mutual Aid:** Ally Howell & Meghan Wayland part of Northeast Kingdom Organizing were present. Neighborhood canvassing took place a few months back and due to the flooding, they have been working with families on Glover Street in Barton Village as well as other impacted families in Barton / Orleans / Glover. They have been assisting the families with food, water, clothing, and cleaning supplies. Their request is allowing space here in the Barton Memorial building for the set-up of a pickup station for items and the ability to utilize the shower facility. This is a short-term endeavor but NEK Organizing feels it is a central location that offers access to many folks. Jacqueline Laurion offered to be present at the hall from 12 pm-3 pm for attendance coverage Monday – Friday. They also requested use of a small space in the hall. The discussion turned to the office space located near the hall elevator. This could be staged with all the supplies they would have to hand out to those in need.
- b. **Senior Meals Site-** The Glover Senior Meals site location has been severely impacted by the flooding. Pasty Tompkins is asking to return to the Barton Memorial Hall and utilize the facility for their Senior Meal Center. The request is for Tuesday & Thursday from 8 am – 6 pm. Delivery and food preparation would take place and clean-up will also be handled by the group. At this time there will not be any in-person eating options. Gina Lyon posed a question about inspecting the kitchen and location change with the Northeast Council on Aging. The kitchen will need a thorough cleaning of the kitchen and Gina requested assurance from BASSI that the upkeep of the hall will be maintained after each use. Patsy provided that assurance. The hall door access needs to be addressed and Crystal Currier will address with Andy Sicard. Gina will speak with the officestaff to ensure the hall and hall bathrooms are being cleaned the same weeks the office is scheduled to be cleaned. A motion was made to allow Senior Meals to come in on Tuesdays & Thursdays for senior meal site, and also to NEK Mutual Aid to assist the local towns with flood clean up and human resources in general. The motion was seconded and approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- F. **Emergency Response Volunteer Committee:** Jacqueline Laurion wanted to discuss the events that took place regarding Barton Village’s emergency response procedures and the gaps of awareness that this recent emergency brought to light. Since the Memorial Building is a designated Red Cross Shelter, we want to be ready with cots, blankets, food, water, and other emergency provisions. Keeping emergency procedures and contacts up to date and a team of volunteers that could be present at the shelter in shifts, so the responsibility does not fall to just

one person. NEK organizing is ready and has the skill set to put together a team of leaders (Captains) that can connect with each other to get a better assessment of the Village & Town residents of Barton.

OTHER ITEMS:

- G. Other Business - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS: NONE

- H. Adjourn: Gina Lyon made a motion to adjourn at 7:30PM and Ellis Merchant 2nd the motion.

Date of Next Regular Board Meeting: July 24, 2023