

Barton Village, Inc.
Regular Trustees Meeting

Monday, February 26, 2024

6:00pm

Barton Village Memorial Hall

Attendance: Gina Lyon (Chair) Marilyn Prue, Vera LaPorte (Village Business Manager),
Jacqueline Laurion (Clerk), Ally Howell (NEKO, Barton Community Giving Garden)

Agenda

- A. **Call to Order:** Gina Lyon called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
- B. **Changes to the Agenda/Additions or Deletions:** Vera LaPorte added two items. 1 action item for Memorial Hall Bathrooms and 1 discussion item for Davis court.
- C. **Privilege of the Floor:** Ally Howell from NEKO & The Barton Community Giving Garden came to talk to the board about an AARP Grant. This is a Flagship Grant that goes between \$500-\$50K to be used on Community Projects. The goals for this grant, if won, would be for technology. Projectors, screens, computers, a zoom (OWL). The trustees are in support of this and advised Ally to reach back out to the board if NEKO or the Community Giving Garden needed a letter of support from the Village.

ACTION ITEMS:

- D. **Minutes from Regular Board of Trustees Meeting February 12, 2024** – Gina Lyon approved the minutes as presented and Marilyn Prue seconded the motion. Motion Carried.
- E. **Bills and Warrants** - Marilyn Prue is reviewing. Gina Lyon made a motion to approve after the review and if any adjustments are made. Marilyn Prue seconded. The Motion passed.
- F. **2023 Annual Report** - Annual report is available in the Village Office and area business. It will also be posted on the Village Social Media page (FaceBook). Gina Lyon made a motion to approve the 2023 Annual Report and Marilyn Prue seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- G. **Memorial Hall Bathroom Facilities:** The bathroom plumbing in the Memorial Hall has been having significant issues and it needs to be addressed. A few bids were placed, and it was awarded to NEK'D Plumbing pending verification of insurance and Certificate of Liability and workers comp. Gina Lyon made a motion to contract with NEK'D Plumbing pending verification and Marilyn Prue seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- H. **Wastewater Operations Update** - The 60% progress meeting for the wastewater treatment facility engineering project was held on February 13, 2024.
In attendance was Chief WWTF Operator Nate Therrien, DPW Worker Jeremiah Borsoi, Business Manager Vera LaPorte, Mike Mainer (Aldritch & Elliott), John Merrifield (VT State), and Lynette Claudon (VT State).

The meeting focused primarily on the three options identified by Aldritch & Elliott:

Option 1: Refurbish the existing facility and make other improvements to the aging equipment and infrastructure.

Option 2: All items in Option 1, as well as add a third lagoon to improve sludge treatment.

Option 3: Replace the facility with an entirely new “sequencing batch reactor” system.

Aldritch & Elliott would like to include the Board in the next progress meeting (90%, between April and May) as there are pros and cons to all three options, as well as a significant range in cost, maintenance, and operating expertise required.

- I. **Water Operations Update** - Water Plant Operator/Manager Lucas DiMauro believes that the previously planned filter refurbishment project (originally to be performed by himself) is beyond his expertise and will need to be outsourced.

This type of work is specialized, and the field is limited, so only one estimate has been obtained at this time. Lucas will continue to search for more qualified contractors and request more estimates.

It may be helpful for Lucas to attend a future BOT meeting to discuss the timing and necessity of this project.

- J. **Salt/Sand Shed Update | Flood Update** - No updates at this time.

- K. **Management/Staff Report** - Of note;

- LEMP – Local Emergency Management Plan will be re-adopted after the 2024 Village annual meeting and filed with the Regional Planning Commission by May 1, 2024.

- Flooding of Duck Pond Road, Vigario Lane, Pleasant Lane – Complete, but Duck Pond Road washed out again during 12/18/2023 rain/snowmelt. Permanent solution will be sought in the spring – may be subject to FEMA Hazard Mitigation

- Aldrich & Elliot – Agreement Approved June 12. 30% progress meeting with Michael Mainer/VT State on 10/30/2023, 60% progress meeting on 02/13/2024, 90% progress meeting will be scheduled with the BOT soon. VT Dept of Environmental Conservation State Revolving Loan Programs funding application completed and approved June 12, loan documents received 10/04/2023 and approved by BOT on 10/16/2023. Two payments received so far in the amount of \$11,450.00.

- L. **Davis Court-** There is a water line break near Davis Court. The line will have to be dug up to determine root cause. Andy Sicard (Village Road Forman) has plans to do further investigation on 2/27/2024.

OTHER ITEMS:

- M. Other Business** – There was a discussion about a potential grant for a municipal technical assistance program.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

A motion to go into Executive Session was made by Gina Lyon at 6:58 and 2nd by Marilyn Prue. Motion carried.

- N. Executive Session - Legal Action: 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(1)(E)
O. Executive Session - Personnel: 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(3)

The board came out of Executive Session at 7:30pm – No action was taken.

- P. Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm

Upcoming Meetings:

Regular Board Meeting: March 11, 2024

Annual Village Meeting: March 12, 2024

Regular Board Meeting: March 25, 2024

Regina Lyon, board of Trustees Chair