

Barton Village, Inc.
Regular Trustees Meeting

Monday, January 27, 2025

6:00 PM

Barton Village Memorial Hall

Attendance: Gina Lyon (Chair) Marilyn Prue (Trustee) Jacqueline Laurion (Clerk)

Agenda

- A. **Call to Order:** Gina Lyon called the meeting to order at 6:11PM
- B. **Changes to the Agenda/Additions or Deletions:** None
- C. **Privilege of the Floor-** None

ACTION ITEMS:

- D. **Minutes from the Special Board of Trustees Meeting January 10, 2025-** Gina Lyon made a motion to approve as presented. Marilyn Prue seconded. Motion carried.
- E. **Minutes from the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting January 13, 2025-** Gina Lyon made a motion to approve as presented. Marilyn Prue seconded. Motion carried.
- F. **Minutes from the Special Board of Trustees Meeting January 14, 2025-** Gina Lyon made a motion to approve as presented. Marilyn Prue seconded. Motion carried.
- G. **Minutes from the Special Joint Board of Trustees with Orleans Meeting January 17, 2025-** Gina Lyon made a motion to approve as presented. Marilyn Prue seconded. Motion carried.
- H. **Minutes from the Special Board of Trustees Meeting January 22, 2025-** Gina Lyon made a motion to approve as presented. Marilyn Prue seconded. Motion carried.
- I. **Bills and Warrants:** Bills and Warrants were being reviewed by Marilyn Prue as the meeting progressed. Marilyn Prue then made a motion to approve the Bills and Warrants as presented. Gina Lyon seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- J. **Schedule change for Board of Trustees Meetings starting in February 2025:** This is due to John Morley needing to attend the Barton Village Trustee Meeting as he is the Business Manager. As such, the Village of Barton Trustees are amendable to changing the dates of the meetings. Starting in February the meetings will now be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 6pm. In addition, the meetings will now be held in the back office of the Memorial Building. Gina Lyon made a motion to change the Village of Barton Trustee meetings to the 2nd and 4th Tuesday starting in February. Marilyn Prue seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- K. **Annual Village Meeting Warning:** Discussion about the timing and edits to the warning for the 2025 Village Meeting set for March 11th, 2025. An additional conversation took place about funds being set aside for paving to be placed as an article for the voters to approve. No motion

or action was required for this line item. A special meeting will be warned for Thursday, 01/30/25 for the Board to approve the Annual Village Meeting Warning.

- L. **Driveway permit application:** Andy Sicard and John Morley met with the Orleans Country Fair Association. They wish to make a curb cut and driveway for access to the backfield of the fairgrounds from Elm Street (357 Elm). Gina Lyon made a motion to approve the driveway permit application submitted by Art LaPlant on behalf of the Orleans County Fair Association. Marilyn Prue seconded. Motion carried.
- M. **Authorization for tax sales:** Following the new tax sale laws, The Village Trustees were advised by Sheila Martin, the Village tax collector, of changes to this process. With the change in process Gina Lyon made a motion authorizing the tax sale attorney to assist the delinquent tax collector with the tax sales for fiscal year 2025 and including previous years where assistance is needed. Marilyn Prue seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- N. **FEMA update:** Crystal Currier and Gina Lyon are now connected to the FEMA grant portal. This allows for all the inventory and projects that have taken place with the flooding to be indexed and counted towards FEMA funding. They are also now connected with the FEMA and State of Vermont representatives. The Village has until 2/11/2025 to get the disaster inventory finalized and submitted. There are a few items to update.
Crystal Currier received a voice mail from the State of VT that is asking for the physical addresses of the two homes in the Village that FEMA approved for a buyout. They wish to do an inspection of the homes for bat habitation.
- O. **Department Operations Updates:** Follow-up needs to take place with Steve Farnham regarding the tariff rider for the Orleans County Fairgrounds and other such organizations.
The Village On-Call service is working well, and Marilyn Prue has asked for access to keep the daily updates on any power outages current.
Wastewater department: Crystal Currier & Gina Lyon worked with Mike Mainer to submit the USDA grant application. There was also a second funding application that Mr. Mainer recommend the Village apply for and Gina Lyon gave approval for that to move forward. USDA will be here on 01/29/25 to tour the facility with WW manager, Nate Terrien
Water Department update: There is a possibility to dredge the pond on Doyle Lane prior to the water facility and this has been added to the FEMA items for funding coverage. By dredging, this will lower the amount of thihalomethanes levels. The water in its current state is fine to drink.
Highway – The Village needs to have the highway Certificate to the state of VT submitted to the state by February 20th, 2025. The Village will also be adding Sunrise Ave to the Village list.
Village: Amy Braun spoke to Gina Lyon about updates on the job posting email address. Amy was advised to call the Chronicle and pull the ad until the corrections can be made.

OTHER ITEMS:

- P. Other Business: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

At 6:47pm Gina Lyon made a motion to enter into an executive session for both legal action and personnel.

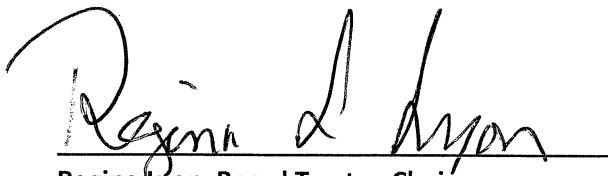
- Q. Executive Session - Legal Action: 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(1)(E)- **No action taken**

- R. **Executive Session - Personnel: 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(3)**- Gina Lyon made a motion to pay 50% of an employees' health care bill due to the office not meeting the deadline for their insurance enrollment. Marilyn Prue seconded. Motion carried.
- S. **Adjourn:** Gina Lyon made a motion to adjourn at 7:27pm. Marilyn Prue seconded. Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings:

Regular Board Meeting: 02/11/2025

Regular Board Meeting: 02/25/2025



Regina Lyon, Board Trustee Chair