

**Barton Village, Inc.**  
**Regular Trustees Meeting**  
Tuesday, December 9, 2025  
6:00pm  
Downstairs of Barton Village Memorial Building

**Attendance:** Gina Lyon (Village Business Manager, Trustee, Chair), Marilyn Prue (Trustee) Ellis Merchant (Trustee), Jacqueline Laurion (Clerk), Ed Barber, Newport Daily Express, George Komendat (Resident), Mike Mainer of Aldrich & Elliott, Adam Heuslein & Dwain Clevenger, of the Town of Glover, Nate Therrian (Wastewater Treatment Manager), Lucas DiMauro (Water Treatment Manager), Brad Washburn & Stan Welch from Tailwater Engineering

**Agenda**

- A. **Call to Order:** Gina Lyon made a motion to call the meeting to order at 6:01pm.
- B. **Changes to the Agenda/Additions or Deletions:** Gina Lyon added action items I & J to the agenda.
- C. **Privilege of the Floor:** George Komendat brought up the Recycling Center when the compactor is shut down. Folks still come into the center and drop off their recycling that sits on the ground for a week, and with critters getting into the bags it causes a mess. Gina Lyon let George know the Recycling Center falls under the Town of Barton and would help him get in contact with the Town of Barton office.

**OTHER ITEMS:**

- D. **Meeting with Tailwater Engineering re: Well Water Blending:** A proposal was submitted to the Village Trustees pertaining to the Well Water Blending project.

In general, this includes pump testing and sampling the well, inspecting the treatment plant and source areas, compiling a source report, and a preliminary engineering report for recommended improvements at the water treatment facility. The preliminary engineering report will be suitable to act as the basis of funding for USDA RD loan/grants or the DWSRF loan programs.

A great discussion was had with appropriate questions that Tailwater Engineering and Lucas DiMauro answered.

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**ACTION ITEMS:**

- E. **Mike Mainer with Aldrich & Elliott re: Wastewater Project/Application Approval:** Mike Mainer came to speak with the Trustees on the State Revolving Loan Program for Water Infrastructure. This would be an application for Municipality, and a Clean Water Loan Amendment. If a bond vote passes in Spring of 2026, there is a targeted 2028 completion date. A plan for public information will be discussed soon, including public site visits, public meetings, like tonight's meeting. Glover would be included in all these communications, meetings, and site visits. Discussion continued with Adam Heuslein & Dwain Clevenger of Glover and the mutual

desire to improve communications between the Glover Select Board and the Village of Barton Trustees. Gina Lyon made a motion to sign the updated contract with Aldrich & Elliott; Ellis Merchant seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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- F. **Minutes from the Regular Board of Trustees Meeting November 25, 2025:** Gina Lyon made a motion to approve the Minutes from the Regular Board of Trustee Meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Marilyn Prue seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- G. **Bills and Warrants:** Marilyn Prue made a motion to approve the bills and warrants as presented. Ellis Merchant seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- H. **Financial Reports for Period Ending October 2025:** Gina Lyon a motion to accept the financial reports as presented for period ending on October 2025. Marilyn Prue seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- I. **Pitney Bowes Mail Sorter & Meter:** With further discussion Sheila Martin and Gina Lyon feel it is time to bring billing invoices back into the control of the Barton Village Office. A sorting machine that will allow invoices to be inserted into envelopes and with the timing of Water/Sewer & Electric billing this will save on cost overall and make this a more streamlined process. The cost of the machine over the 6-year contract would come to about \$30,000. Monthly payments of \$543.80 but billed quarterly at \$1,631.40 Marilyn Prue made a motion to purchase the Pitney Bowes mail sorter & meter. Ellis Merchant seconded. Motion carried.
- J. **2026 Pageant Park Caretake Agreement:** A new agreement was presented to Mr. Farnsworth and Ms. Morris. Gina Lyon made a motion to offer the 2026 caretaker contract to them for the 2026 Pageant Park Season. Marilyn Prue seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**K. Department Operations Updates**

**Office:**

MERP Grant Project is ongoing. Heat pumps have been installed in the Memorial Building Insulation crew was present again on 12/9/2025.

Office work desks have been moved around in hopes of allowing better heat flow.

**DPW (Public Works):**

Salt Sand Shed is currently being assembled. It should be finished at the end of this week.

The Village Backhoe is back in service. Invoice expected to be about \$6k.

The International truck needs repair (Spindle & Wheel Bearing needs replacement) and should be back on the road by end of this week.

**Water Treatment:**

The generator installation began on Thursday, December 4th, and remains in progress.

Lucas DiMauro is currently compiling water treatment data to share with residents. This information may also be presented during a public informational meeting regarding the most recent Notice of Violation distributed to customers. In the meantime, Lucas has been fielding calls and helping residents better understand the situation, including what is occurring and why. Current test results show a downward trend in the levels affected. It is important to note that this issue is not unique to Barton's municipal water system. The elevated results are linked to

the significant flooding events of 2023 and 2024 and are not the result of infrastructure failure, chemical treatment processes, or local system oversight.

**Wastewater:**

Project schedule as discussed with Mike Mainer w/Aldrich & Elliott as presented at tonight's meeting.

**Electric:**

With John Morley's Senate appointment, Chris Ingalls will manage Barton.

Electric while John is in Montpelier on Tuesdays – Fridays starting 01.05.26 thru end of May likely. He would make himself available if needed.

Beginning January, all quarterly/seasonal customers will be reverted to monthly customers. Notice to be included in their December statement.

**Hydro Plant:**

Project progressing as scheduled:

Delivery of penstock now set for second week of January. Installation should be completed by end of January and plan will be up and running again at the beginning of February. VPPSA has been made aware of the delay and expected start up.

**L. Other Business- None**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:**

**M. Executive Session - Legal Action: 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(1)(E) – None.**

**N. Executive Session - Personnel: 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(3) –** At the request of Lucas DiMauro, Gina Lyon made a motion to go into Executive Session at 8:07 PM. Marilyn Prue seconded. Motion carried. At 9:10pm Gina Lyon made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Ellis Merchant seconded. Motion carried. Discussion was had with Lucas regarding his unused sick and personal time. No action needed to be taken.

**O. Adjourn -** At 9:10pm Gina Lyon made a motion to adjourn. Ellis Merchant seconded. Motion carried.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**Regular Board Meeting: 12/23/25**

**Regular Board Meeting: 01/13/26**