

Barton Village, Inc.
Special Trustees Meeting
Thursday, February 5, 2026
4:15 PM

Location:

Barton Village Memorial Building – Back Office

Meeting will be moved downstairs in the event of an access issue for any attendee or participant. To request the meeting be moved downstairs prior to the scheduled date and time, please call the office at 802-525-4747, Monday–Friday, 7:30 AM–4:00 PM.

Attendance

Gina Lyon (Chair, BVI Business Manager)
Marilyn Prue (Trustee)
Ellis Merchant (Trustee)
Shelia Martin, Finance Manager

Agenda

A. Call to Order: Gina Lyon called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM.

B. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda: None.

C. Privilege of the Floor – None.

ACTION ITEMS

D. 2026 Budgets

Marilyn Prue discussed the budget reports and how this year they will look different from previous years but should be much easier to read and find information. She stated Barton Village will be using the NEMRC Accounting Software to produce reports, versus spreadsheets. This will be a transition but will be much better.

Marilyn Prue presented the Village budget and advised the Village Budget is level funded and the amount of taxes requested to raise is the same as the 2025 budget, \$76,000.00.

Marilyn Prue made a motion to accept the Village budget as presented and in accordance with Article 5, to see if the Village will raise \$76,000.00 through taxes upon the grand list for the funds requested in the 2026 Annual Village Budget and the ensuing year, and direct the Trustees to assess a tax on the grand list sufficient to meet the same.

Seconded by Gina Lyon.

Motion carried.

Marilyn Prue presented the Highway budget and advised the request is \$395,000.00 and if the voters approve Article 6 and Article 10, the budget will be the same as the 2025 Highway Budget at \$425,000.00.

Gina Lyon made a motion to accept the Highway budget as presented and in accordance with Article 6, to see if the Village will raise \$395,000.00 through taxes upon the grand list for the funds requested in the 2026 Annual Highway Budget and the ensuing year, and direct the Trustees to assess a tax on the grand list sufficient to meet the same.

Seconded by Marilyn Prue.

Motion carried.

Marilyn Prue presented the Wastewater budget and advised that the Wastewater Budget is level funded and the amount of taxes requested to raise is the same as the 2025 budget, \$70,000.00. Marilyn Prue stated the agreement with Glover is a win-win for both municipalities as there will be consistent payments rather than a true up, allowing budgeting to be much easier.

Marilyn Prue made a motion to accept the Wastewater budget as presented and in accordance with Article 8, to see if the Village will raise \$70,000.00 through taxes and user fees for Wastewater department capital debt and wastewater capital reserve funds, such funds will be used for major repairs, replacement, and upgrades to the structural components of the Village Wastewater System.

Seconded by Ellis Merchant.

Motion carried.

Marilyn Prue presented the Water budget and advised the Water Budget is level funded and the amount of taxes requested to raise is the same as the 2025 budget, \$71,000.00.

Marilyn Prue made a motion to accept the Water budget as presented and in accordance with Article 7, to see if the Village will raise \$71,000.00 through taxes and user fees for water department capital debt and water capital reserve funds, such funds will be used for major repairs, replacement, and upgrades to the structural components of the Village Water System.

Seconded by Gina Lyon.

Motion carried.

Marilyn Prue presented the Electric budget and advised that due to the increase of power supply costs from VPPSA and due to the renewable energy credit mandates by the State of Vermont, there are increases that cannot be avoided. The Hydro plant does help as the State is looking for renewable energy and this is part of the program. In 2026, Barton Village will be able to sell some power and already has a contract in place for \$190,000.00. The Electric Department is not tied to taxes and is not part of the warning.

Marilyn Prue made a motion to accept the Electric Department budget as presented.

Seconded by Ellis Merchant.

Motion carried.

E. 2026 Annual Meeting Warning

Gina Lyon read the warning entirely to the Board.

Marilyn Prue made a motion to approve the warning as read by Gina Lyon.

Seconded by Ellis Merchant.

Motion carried.

F. 2026 Trustee Report

Gina Lyon completed the Trustees Report. She stated it was more detailed this year as at last year's meeting Nathan Sicard asked if the report could be longer and explain more about what had been going on in the Village.

Marilyn Prue made a motion to approve the Trustees Report and stated Gina Lyon had done an excellent job with the report.

Ellis Merchant seconded the motion, along with stating Gina did an excellent job on the report.

Motion carried.

G. Authorize Signature for FEMA Buyout Property

Gina Lyon explained that one of the FEMA buyout properties is scheduled to close on 3/9/2026 at 11am. Gina Lyon stated she would be at the closing along with Shelia Martin.

Marilyn Prue made a motion to authorize Gina Lyon to sign the closing documents when the closing happens for 90 Glover Road.

Seconded by Ellis Merchant.

Motion carried.

H. Warrant to Delinquent Tax Collector

There are several properties in the Village that have been turned over for tax sale. A warrant for the delinquent utilities was put before the Board to authorize they be added to the tax sale.

Marilyn Prue made a motion to sign the warrant to the tax collector.

Seconded by Ellis Merchant.

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

Other Business

None.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

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

Executive Session - Personnel: 1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(3) –Gina Lyon made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:02 PM. Marilyn Prue seconded. Motion carried.

At 5:29pm, Gina Lyon made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Marilyn Prue seconded. Motion carried.

J. Acceptance of Nathan Therrien's Resignation (Received January 27, 2026)

This was originally accepted by Gina Lyon, as Business Manager, on January 28, 2026. Nathan Therrien's last day of employment is February 18, 2026.

Motion made by Gina Lyon to accept the resignation of Nathan Therrien received on January 27, 2026.

Seconded by Ellis Merchant.

Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings:

Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrade Informational Meeting and Regular Board Meeting: 02/10/2026 at 6pm.

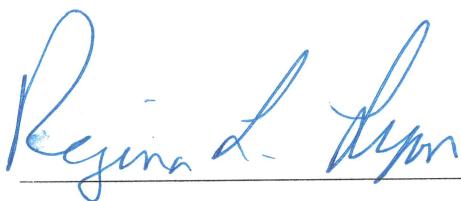
Wastewater Site Visits: 02/11/2026 at 1pm and 5pm.

Bond Vote: 02/12/2026 – 10am – 7pm.

Regular Board Meeting: 02/24/2026.

K. Adjourn

At 5:32pm Gina Lyon made a motion to adjourn. Marilyn Prue seconded. Motion carried.



Regina L. Lyon, Trustee, Board Chair