

**PUBLIC NOTICE
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT**

WSID 0005189 BARTON PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM

People on the WSID 0005189 Barton Water System are advised that their water supplier failed to comply with the Vermont Water Supply Rule, which requires all public water systems to be operated by a certified operator of the appropriate water system class.

WSID 0005189 Barton Water System is not being operated by a certified operator.

The responsibilities of a certified operator include but are not limited to:

- Be familiar with all aspects of the water system and conduct inspections at an appropriate frequency giving consideration to the system's design, location, vulnerability, Operation and Maintenance Manual, and other factors.
- Oversee all required bacteriological, chemical and other water quality monitoring.
- Be responsible for operating and maintaining chemical feed and all treatment systems including measuring and recording all chemical additions (if applicable).
- Keep abreast with changes in drinking water and safety regulations and comply with all applicable state and federal statutes, rules and orders governing water system regulations.
- Conduct all duties with reasonable care and judgement for the protection of public health, public safety, and the environment.

What happened? What is being done?

On December 22, 2025, our water operator resigned effective immediately. Since then, our wastewater employees have been managing the plant in regards to the required daily testing and overall plant operation. Their knowledge of doing so was from training received from the operator to cover while he was on vacation or otherwise unavailable. Job postings have been made in the Chronicle, The Newport Daily Express, on VLCT Website, and our Website. To date we have received one application from a Class 3 Operator who will need to become a Class 4b Operator in Training. We will be conducting an interview the week of 03/16/26. We have signed a contract with a contractor to provide supervision/guidance for an OIT until they are fully licensed with the State of Vermont. As everyone knows, licensed water operators as well as wastewater operators within the State of Vermont are limited. One estimate received from an outside contractor resulted in a quote of \$165K+ a year, and they required a three year contract. This would result in a huge financial burden and hardship for our Village taxpayers and users of the system.

For more information, please contact
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Certification

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I Regina L. Lyon (print name) Certify, as the Responsible Person (or authorized representative) of the water system indicated above, that the public notice has been provided to customers in accordance with the delivery, content, and format requirements and deadlines in the Vermont Water Supply Rule (Chapter 21, Subchapter 21-10).

Signature: Regina L. Lyon Date: 03/11/2026

Within 10 days of issuance of public notice, send a copy of the notice to:
Drinking Water and Groundwater Protection Division, One National Life Drive – Davis 4, Montpelier, VT 05620-3521

¹ - Community Water Systems may use posting as a second method, but must also use radio, television, or hand or direct delivery.