

VILLAGE OF BARTON ANNUAL MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026

In accordance with the foregoing notice, the legal voters of the Village of Barton, Vermont convened at the time and location specified in the warning. Moderator Jacqueline Laurion called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Article 1. Elect a Moderator for one year.

Regina Lyon nominated Jacqueline Laurion as moderator. Kathy White seconded and made a motion nominations cease, and the clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Jacqueline Laurion for Moderator, seconded by Regina Lyon. The motion carried and Jacqueline Laurion was elected moderator for a one-year term.

Article 2. Elect the following Officers:

Clerk for a one-year term  
Collector of Delinquent Taxes for a one-year term  
Treasurer for a one-year term  
Trustee for a three-year term

Roger Bernier made a motion to elect the incumbents. Kathy White seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion carried. Shelia Maritn was re-elected for the positions of Clerk, Collector of Delinquent Taxes and Treasurer. Regina Lyon was re-elected to Trustee for a three-year term expiring in 2029.

Article 3: Shall the Village compensate the following elected officers for 2024? (these funds will be raised through operating budgets from the Village Departments as allowed)

Clerk -- \$210.00  
Collector of Delinquent Taxes – 8% of taxes collected  
Treasurer – 1% of taxes collected  
Trustee -- \$1500.00

Kathy White made a motion to have all elected officers be paid the same. Paula Bernier seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

Article 4: To see if the Village will vote to bond its Officers and pay for the same.

Kathy White made a motion to approve the article, seconded by Chris Skowran. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

Article 5: Shall the Village 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? (See Village Department Budget for assessment request by the Trustees)

Kathy White made a motion to raise \$76,000.00 for the Village budget this was seconded by George Komemat. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

Article 6: Shall the Village raise \$375,000.00 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? (See Highway Department Budget for assessment request by the Trustees)

Kathy White made a motion to approve \$375,000.00 for the highway budget. This was seconded by Ellis Merchant.

Discussion:

Kathy White asked about potholes and paving. Regina advised that this is a work in progress and cold patching started last week but they were unable to get any additional cold patch due to availability at the plant this week.

Roger Bernier wanted to make sure the village crew knew that his property is within the village limits as sometimes work stops just prior to his home. Regina stated she would make sure staff was aware.

George Komemat asked about paving on Glover Road and repairs. Regina stated she the DPW Foreman met with the Agency of Transportation today and were told that the paving would be done on Route 16 from Barton – Hardwick in 2027. The road is maintained by the State of Vermont.

There was no further discussion and the motion carried.

Article 7: Shall the Village raise \$71,000.00 through taxes and user fees for water department capital debt retirement 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? (See Water Department Budget for assessment request by the Trustees)

Kathy White made a motion to approve \$71,000.00 through taxes and user fees for water department capital debt retirement and water capital reserve funds. George Komemat seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion carried.

Article 8: Shall the Village raise \$70,000.00 through taxes and user fees for wastewater department capital debt retirement and wastewater capital reserve funds, such funds will be used for major replacements and upgrades to the structural components of the Village Wastewater System? (See Wastewater Department Budget for assessment request by the Trustees)

Kathy White made a motion to approve \$70,000.00 through taxes and user fees for wastewater capital debt retirement and wastewater capital reserve funds, this was seconded by George Komedit. There was no discussion, and the motion carried.

Article 9: Shall the Village collect its taxes due and payable within 60 days without discount. Interest to accrue on delinquent taxes at the maximum rate allowed by law and an 8% penalty assessed on all delinquent taxes and postmarks are not acceptable as payment dates.

Kathy White made a motion to approve the article as written, seconded by Ellis Merchange. The motion carried and the article passed as written.

Article 10: To see if the voters will authorize an appropriation of \$30,000.00 to the Paving restricted account, such funds to be used for the village municipal roads and direct the Trustees to assess a tax sufficient to raise the same?

Kathy White made a motion to approve \$30,000.00 to the Paving restricted funds, seconded by Paula Bernier.

Discussion:

Kathy White asked who makes the decision on what roads were paved. Regina advised that she and the DPW Foreman were working with a grading system for the Village. She stated they recognize that West Street needs a lot of work

Dave Billado stated Harrison 'Ave, also needs repair. This was also noted by the Trustees.

Kathy White inquired if the Grand List plays into this. There is currently no formula.

Donna Cincotta asked if the snow in her front yard could be cleaned up where the snow and salt has accumulated. Regina advised she would let the DPW Foreman know.

There was no further discussion and the motion was carried.

Article 11. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Ramsey Paulman and Thomas Jesmer spoke about the recycling center. Even though this was a town issue, they were allowed to speak. They asked if someone could to the Town on their behalf about fixing the holes at the center, as when it rains it is a mess. They asked about a raise. But did want to let Village residents to be cautious about things they bring to recycling, as they have been seeing ammunition in recycling. They advised when they started working at the recycling it was 40-50 cars but now it is over 200 cars. Regina advised she would be glad to let the town know of their concerns also.

Roger Bernier asked if the speed limit sign could be fixed. Regina stated they are looking for grants as it is expensive to fix the solar parts.

There was no further discussion.

Article 13: ~~to~~To Adjourn.

Leonidas Zenonos motioned to adjourn, seconded by Regina Lyon. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM

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Shelia Martin  
Village Clerk

Acceptance of aforewritten minutes by the Trustees:

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Regina Lyon

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Marilyn Prue

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Ellis Merchant

Acceptance of the aforewritten minutes by the Moderator:

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Jacqueline Laurion