

Barton Village, Inc.

Regular Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, July 7, 2026 – 6:00 PM

Location: Barton Village Memorial Building – Back Office

Accessibility Notice: The meeting will be moved downstairs if needed to accommodate any attendee or participant. To request that the meeting be relocated prior to the scheduled date and time, please contact the Village Office at **802-525-4747**, Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM–4:00 PM.

All are encouraged to listen to the meeting minutes that are available on the Village Website.
<https://bartonvt.com/agenda-minutes/>

Attendance

- Gina Lyon, Chair & Village Business Manager
 - Marilyn Prue, Trustee
 - Jacqueline Laurion, Clerk
 - Ed Barber, Newport Daily Express
 - VPPSA Staff (via Microsoft Teams)
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Agenda

A. Call to Order

Chair Gina Lyon called the meeting to order at **6:01 PM**.

B. Changes to the Agenda

Gina Lyon requested the addition of Action Items **G** and **H**.

C. Privilege of the Floor

None.

Action Items

D. Approval of Minutes – June 23, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

Gina Lyon made a motion to approve the minutes from June 23, 2026, Regular Board of Trustees Meeting as presented. Marilyn Prue seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

E. Approval of Minutes – June 30, 2026, Special Board Meeting

Gina Lyon made a motion to approve the minutes from June 30, 2026, Special Board of Trustees Meeting as presented. Marilyn Prue seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

F. Electric Rate Case – VPPSA Presentation (Teams)

The Trustees met with VPPSA to review the Village's electric rate case. Residents and customers are encouraged to listen to the recording of the July 7, 2026, Trustee Meeting for the complete presentation and discussion.

Following the presentation, Gina Lyon made a motion to approve VPPSA's proposed 14.73% electric rate case increase for VPPSA to file. Marilyn Prue seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Assuming a July 16, 2026, filing date, the increased rate will become effective September 1, 2026, with customers first seeing the increase reflected in the October 2026 billing.

G. Bills and Warrants

Marilyn Prue reviewed the Bills and Warrants and made a motion to approve them as presented. Gina Lyon seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

H. Liens

The Trustees considered two lien-related actions.

Marilyn Prue made a motion to approve the discharge of the lien on 99 Candle Lane, Brownington, Vermont. Gina Lyon seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Marilyn Prue then made a motion to place a lien on 1648 South Barton Road, Barton, Vermont. Gina Lyon seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

I. Vermont Trappers Association

The Trustees reviewed an application from the Vermont Trappers Association for its 52nd Annual Event, to be held at the Orleans County Fairgrounds on September 19–20, 2026. The Association also submitted certificates of liability insurance covering the black powder and .22 caliber shooting events.

Gina Lyon made a motion to approve the application. Marilyn Prue seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

J. Water and Wastewater Meter Reading Adjustments

The Trustees continued discussions regarding billing discrepancies affecting commercial properties and multi-unit apartment buildings. Letters were previously sent to all impacted property owners explaining the discrepancies and outlining the corrected billing to be reflected in the next billing statement.

During the door-to-door review, it was determined that approximately 40–50% of water meters had been estimated each month due to malfunctioning equipment rather than being physically read. Work orders have been issued to replace the defective meters or sensor pads to ensure accurate billing moving forward.

The review also identified several commercial and multi-unit properties that had been assigned incorrect rate classifications within the billing system. After reviewing the findings, the Trustees voted to apply the corrected rate classifications retroactive to January 1, 2026.

The Trustees also discussed the need for future conversations regarding simplifying the Village's commercial, residential, and multi-unit rate structures.

Marilyn Prue made a motion to approve the commercial and apartment account corrections as presented. Gina Lyon seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Discussion Items

K. Department Operations Updates

There were minimal departmental updates since the previous Trustee meeting held on June 23, 2026.

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L. Other Business

None.

M. Executive Session

Legal Matters

Executive Session pursuant to **1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(E)**, if needed.

No Executive Session was held.

Personnel Matters

Executive Session pursuant to **1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3)**, if needed.

No Executive Session was held.

N. Adjournment

Gina Lyon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at **7:06 PM**. Marilyn Prue seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Upcoming Meetings

- **Regular Board Meeting:** July 28, 2026
- **Regular Board Meeting:** August 11, 2026