

BARTON VILLAGE, INC.
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES
DRAFT MINUTES
October 3, 2017 5PM

PRESENT: Trustees: Nate Sicard, Cathy Swain,

Northeast Kingdom Council On Aging: Lauli Mambourg, Meg Burmeister (Executive Director)

20-30 members of the public and news reporters (Chronicle, Newport Daily)

Call to Order: 5:10 p.m. by NS

Opened meeting as a public forum to discuss the Barton Memorial Hall space. Introduced the Board to the public and turned meeting over to Cathy. Cathy lead a discussion on major points of concern for the Board of Trustees. 1. Short delay as possible for the facility. 2. Seeking ideas from the public. Cathy has a survey and is requesting that everyone fill out the survey. Cathy also introduced Lauli and Meg from the NEK Council on Aging. Lauli discussed that the Council on Aging provides Senior Center meals funding that the funds for 2017-2018 have been reserved and there is no plan to take away services.

Cathy opened the meeting up to comments from the public. Questions included; Is there money left over from the last organization. (A) The Trustees have no information on funds as the Senior Center is an independent organization. Members of the American Legion were concerned about funds that the Legion has provided to the Senior Center. Discussions ensued about former organization funds.

Cathy shared with the public that the Trustees have a new facility use policy if people want to understand how they can use the facility.

Garth, a representative from the Senior Center Board gave a general explanation that facility funds were returned to an agency in Montpelier and that there were issues with the costs for employees ability to fund the positions. Garth also discussed that turnout was as low as 10-12 people which was later questioned by Gisele, the cook from this summer. The Council also explained that they have the numbers on the numbers of meals provided.

Members of the public discussed forming a new 501c3 organization to get the center started again. Meg discussed that the Council can consult and advise but will not be a member of the Board.

The Board of Trustees took no action and the meeting ended with groups from the public continuing with their own discussion of how the restart a Senior Center. The meeting ended at 6:05PM

Submitted by Nathan P. Sicard | Board Chair

Attested by Shelia Martin | Village Clerk