

BARTON VILLAGE INC.
MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES
DRAFT MINUTES
May 25, 2021 6 PM

PRESENT: Nate Sicard, Tin Barton-Caplin, Jacqueline Laurion, Richard Jesmer, Mary Ann Royer, Patrick Hurley (Memphremagog Watershed Association?), Crystal Currier (VPPSA), Joseph Gressor (Chronicle), Michael Cole (VEC), Louisa & Vincent Dotoli, Nancy Malmquist (BVI counsel via zoom), Kim Butler (BVI Counsel via zoom), Victoria Brown (VEC via zoom), Rebecca Towne (VEC via zoom), Mike Bursell (VEC via zoom)

Call to Order: Called to order by NS at 6:01 p.m.

- A. Changes to Agenda / Additions or Deletions
- B. Meeting Minutes May 10th and Special Meeting Minutes from May 13th, 2021
 - a. JBC motioned to approve the May 10th, 2021 Minutes & May 13th Special Meeting Minutes, JL seconded. Unanimous approval.
- C. Privilege of the Floor
 - a. Patrick Hurley – invitation to develop a working relationship with MWA. MWA works on strategic planning, development, and education around water quality and conservation, and habitat quality. MWA received some funding from Watershed Vermont to do outreach to Barton Village and Glover to implement green storm water infrastructure projects. Funding would support Patrick's time & local engagement
 - b. NS shared that the Village still uses sand in the winter and limited funding as major constraints to consider
- D. Old Business
 - a. Consider appointment of municipal enforcement officer
 - i. JBC motioned to appoint the Barton Town municipal enforcement officer as the Village enforcement officer (Renee Falconer), JL seconded. Unanimous approval.
- E. New Business
 - a. Dotoli Line Extension – Westmore, Act 250 Application Barton Village Required as Co-Applicant
 - i. Discussion that a current Act 250 Permit needs to be amended to allow for electric department line extension on parcel located on Town Highway 15 in Westmore.
 - ii. Consolidated has poles currently at the location but there is no electric lines
 - iii. Most of the extension is in the Town's ROW
 - iv. JBC motioned to approve the Act 250 permit and authorize Nate Sicard to execute the document, JL seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - b. Village Wide Yard Sale – Mary Ann Royer
 - i. Discussion of using memorial hall or outside municipal property for the yard sale

- ii. Given the Governor’s most recent communications about lifting restrictions once VT hit’s 80% vaccination rate and all the Trustees are comfortable with hosting the yard sale inside by the end of June.
 - c. Authorize Tax Collector to Purchase Unsold Properties on Behalf of the Village at the Next Tax Sale on 5/27/2021
 - i. JBC motioned to authorize Tax Collector to purchase unsold property on behalf of the Village at the next tax sale on 5/27/2021, JL seconded Unanimous approval.
- F. Other
 - a. Approval of Bills, Warrants, and previous Warrants signed
 - i. JBC motioned to approve bills, warrants, and previous warrants signed, JL seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - b. Review Updated Financials
 - i. Crystal provided an update on financials
 - c. Trustee Mail
 - i. Catherine McMaster – request to abatement request since she power washed her house.
 - 1. Doesn’t meet abatement criteria
 - 2. JL will follow up
 - d. Office / Facilities / Operations
 - i. Review VLCT Loss Report
 - 1. Crystal reviewed the VLCT Loss Report and highlighted some areas that may need some additional attention with the minor items being addressed by Andy / Steve
 - ii. Electric Department
 - 1. Contract Negotiations – Executive Session
 - iii. Water/Sewer
 - 1. Consider Water/Sewer Connection Approval for Fowler (Parcel 214380004, near 45 Sunrise Ext.)
 - 2. JBC motioned to approve the water / sewer connection for Parcel 214380004 contingent on approval of materials & connections by Andy, water/sewer allocations by Jefferson, and approval of the state permit, JL seconded.
 - iv. Highway – Grant Agreement with VTrans for Elm St. Paving
 - 1. JBC motion to approve grant agreement with VTrans for Elm Street Paving and authorize Crystal Currier or Nate Sicard to execute the document on behalf of the Village, JL seconded. Unanimous approval.
 - v. Other / Memorial Building/Parks
 - 1. Update on Pageant Park Caretakers
- G. Executive Session:
 - a. JBC motioned to enter Executive Session at 7:34 p.m. with Nancy Malmquist, Kim Butler, Rebecca Towne, Victoria Brown, and Mike Bursell to discuss contract negotiations

where the premature disclosure of information would put the Village at significant disadvantage, JL seconded. Unanimous approval.

- b. Rebecca, Mike, and Victoria left at 7:55 p.m.
 - c. Kim and Nancy left at 8:45 p.m.
 - d. JBC motioned to exit Executive Session at 9:07 p.m. with no action taken, JL seconded. Unanimous approval.
- H. Adjourn: JBC motioned to adjourn at 9:43 p.m., JL seconded. Unanimous approval.

Date of Next Meetings: June 14, 2021

Submitted by Tin (Justin) Barton-Caplin | Board Clerk

Attested by Shelia Martin | Village Clerk