



Town of Barre VERMONT

TOWN OF BARRE BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING February 2, 2022

AGENDA

1. Call to order.....immediately following BCA Meeting
2. Remind those present the meeting will be audio taped. Please speak clearly and identify yourself.
3. Roll call.
4. Approve the agenda.
5. Review the list of additions and deletions made by the Town Clerk for the period August 4, 2021 through January 20, 2022.
6. Other business:
 - BCA members availability to work at March 1, 2022 election
 - Town Caucus
 - Co-mingling of ballots
 - New tabulator update
 - Other BCA business as needed
7. Adjourn

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Board of Civil Authority was advertised to be held at the Municipal Building, Selectboard meeting room, in Lower Websterville on Wednesday, February 2, 2022, for the purpose of reviewing the Barre Town Checklist to be used at the Barre Unified Union School Districts Annual Elections to be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022.

Board of Civil Authority Members Present: William Bugbee, Justin Bolduc, Jeanne Daniele, Donna J. Kelty, Thomas Koch, Norma Malone, Paul Malone, Jay Perkins, Virginia Poplawski, R. Lee Walther, Sheila Walther, Paul White and Tina Lunt. Attendance by phone: Charles “Chip” Castle, J. Guy Isabelle, Ed Paquin, and Bob Nelson.

Board of Civil Authority Members Absent: Jeff Blow, Lori Cohen, JP Isabelle, and W. John “Jack” Mitchell

Others Present: Rob LaClair, Topper McFaun, and Mary McFaun.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVE THE AGENDA:

On a motion by Justin Bolduc, seconded by Bill Bugbee the Board of Civil Authority voted to approve the amended agenda as follows:

1. Add the approval of the November 11, 2021 meeting minutes.

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2. Add reapportionment before review of the checklist.

APPROVE THE MINUTES:

On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Sheila Walther, the Board of Civil Authority voted to approve the meeting minutes with amendments as provided to the Clerk. Chip Castle abstained.

REAPPORTIONMENT:

Junior State Representative Rob LaClair presented an overview of the Legislative Reapportionment Board (LAB) process. The US Census is used to determine the plans for reapportionment. The Legislative was given two plans; the majority plan (comprised of single-member districts) and the minority plan (includes some multi-member districts). Most states have single-member districts, Vermont is one of nine states in the country that have multi-member districts. Vermont is the only one of the nine that have multi-member districts in the House and the Senate. The LAB has released two plans (maps) for the Barre Town Board of Civil Authority to provide feedback on; The majority map (two single-member districts) and the minority map (Barre Town with Orange). Population, political lines, and common interests are all items considered when making the final approval for the plans. The Secretary of State's office has a deadline of April 1, 2022.

The House Government Operations Committee is taking testimony on the 2022 redistricting for Washington County on Friday, February 4, 2022. Chair Malone and Paul White are scheduled to testify on behalf of the BCA. Feedback will be provided regarding the two proposed plans.

CHANGES TO THE CHECKLIST:

Clerk Lunt shared a list of voter checklist changes. It is noted for the record the Town Clerk has added 187 voters to the checklist and made 93 deletions to the checklist for the period of August 4, 2021 through January 20, 2022.

OTHER BUSINESS:

March 1, 2022 Election:

Sheila Walther and Virginia Poplawski will help with the organization of election workers for the March 1, 2022 election.

Co-mingling of ballots:

Clerk Lunt shared there will be two ballots for the March 1 election. Co-mingling of ballots for Central Vermont Career Center will take place up to the 10 days following the election. Clerk Lunt will work with City Clerk Carol Dawes on this process.

New tabulator update:

Clerk Lunt shared new tabulators will be rolled out in late spring of 2022, in time for the August Primary. Delivery of the machines will begin late March and conclude by early June. LHS will remove current tabulators. In late spring there will be 6-8 regional training courses provided for election officials.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Bill Bugbee, seconded by Norma Malone the Board of Civil Authority voted to adjourn at 7:39p.m.

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2022 continued:

These are the minutes as taken by the Clerk of the Board.

Filed in the Barre Town Clerk's Office on this _____ day of _____, 2022.

_____, Barre Town Clerk.
Tina Lunt, Town Clerk