

**TOWN OF BARRE ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BUDGETS and  
SPAULDING UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #41 BUDGET VOTE  
May 9, 2017**

The duly warned Annual Barre Town Australian Ballot Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at the Barre Town Gymnasium, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. All ballots and checklists were posted in accordance with VSA Title 17.

**Election Day**

The following individuals worked at the polls on May 9, 2017: Donna J. Kelty, Pearl Bugbee, William Bugbee, Charles "Chip" Castle, Jeanne Daniele, R. Lee Walther, Sheila Walther, Virginia Poplawski, Jay Perkins, Ed Paquin, Linda Bongiolatti, Bonnie George, Irene Haskell, Carolyn Pellon, Linda Livendale, Shirley Rivard, Julie Stark, John Ziske, and Ruth Ziske.

**OPENING OF THE POLLS**

Presiding Officer Donna Kelty declared the polls open at 7:00 a.m. There were no incidents to report. The polls were declared closed at 7:00 p.m.

**STATISTICAL INFORMATION**

The election ballots were counted using the Accuvote Optic Scan machine.

There were 5,948 voters on the checklist, 775 ballots were cast (13.03% voter turnout). Of those that voted, 143 were early ballots. The following individuals were added to the checklist for same day voter registration: A. Emily Parkany and Krystal J. Doney.

There was one incident to report. A Barre Town School lockdown drill took place at approximately 1:35 p.m. and lasted for about five minutes. This drill resulted in the Town public safety departments and the Board of Civil Authority acknowledging more planning and training is needed in this area.

**ELECTION RESULTS**

Article I. To elect all necessary officers for the Town of Barre for the ensuing term commencing May 10, 2017.

**Selectboard**

CANDIDATE- 3 year	TOTAL
Bob Nelson	683
Write-Ins	12
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>76</u>
Total	

CANDIDATE- 2 year	TOTAL
W. John "Jack" Mitchell	663
Write-Ins	6
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>102</u>
Total	775

**May 9, 2017 Annual Barre Town Meeting and Election of Officers continued:  
Constable**

CANDIDATE- 1 year	TOTAL
Freeman, David F.	678
Write-ins	2
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>91</u>
Total	775

**Moderator**

CANDIDATE- 1 year	TOTAL
Koch, Thomas F. "Tom"	695
Write-ins	4
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>72</u>
Total	775

**Auditor**

CANDIDATE- 3 year	TOTAL
Charles C. Woodhams	677
Write-ins	1
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>93</u>
Total	775

Article 2. Shall the Town of Barre authorize \$3,505,086 to operate the General Government of the Town of Barre during the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017?

YES	641
NO	121
Spoiled	5
Blank	<u>8</u>
Total	775

Article 3. Shall the Town of Barre authorize \$35,655 from the General Fund towards the operation of the Town cemeteries during the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017; said sum to be added to the General Fund authorizations under Article 2 above.

YES	682
NO	80
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>9</u>
Total	775

Article 4. Shall the Town of Barre authorize \$2,902,860 for construction and maintenance of the Town highways and bridges during the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017?

YES	693
NO	68
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>10</u>
Total	775

**May 9, 2017 Annual Barre Town Meeting and Election of Officers continued:**

Article 5. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$50,000 to the Aldrich Public Library, in addition to \$130,000 included in the General Fund authorizations in Article 2 above for a total of \$180,000?

YES	493
NO	274
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>4</u>
Total	775

Article 6. Shall the Town of Barre Town authorize expenditure of \$16,000 to Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice, Inc.?

YES	631
NO	129
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>11</u>
Total	775

Article 7. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$5,500 to Project Independence?

YES	597
NO	155
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>19</u>
Total	775

Article 8. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$6,000 to Central Vermont Agency on Aging?

YES	611
NO	145
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>15</u>
Total	775

Article 9. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$1,000 to Retired Volunteer Program for Central Vermont?

YES	603
NO	150
Spoiled	5
Blank	<u>17</u>
Total	775

Article 10. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$2,000 to Circle (formerly known as Battered Women's Services & Shelter Inc.)?

YES	600
NO	156
Spoiled	6
Blank	<u>13</u>
Total	775

**May 9, 2017 Annual Barre Town Meeting and Election of Officers continued:**

Article 11. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$1,500 to People's Health & Wellness Clinic?

YES	586
NO	169
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>16</u>
Total	775

Article 12. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$2,900 to Central Vermont Adult Basic Education?

YES	568
NO	188
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>15</u>
Total	775

Article 13. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$4,000 to Barre Homecoming Days?

YES	467
NO	286
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>18</u>
Total	775

Article 14. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$1,500 to the Family Center of Washington County's playgroup, parent education, and family support activities serving Barre Town?

YES	538
NO	213
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>20</u>
Total	775

Article 15. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$7,500 to Barre Senior Center?

YES	590
NO	161
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>20</u>
Total	775

Article 16. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$1,000 to Central Vermont Community Action Council (Capstone)?

YES	516
NO	232
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>23</u>
Total	775

**May 9, 2017 Annual Barre Town Meeting and Election of Officers continued:**

Article 17. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$500 to the Washington County Youth Service Bureau?

YES	553
NO	194
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>24</u>
Total	775

Article 18. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$350 to the Sexual Assault Crisis Team of Washington County?

YES	604
NO	155
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>12</u>
Total	775

Article 19. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$2,500 to the Washington County Diversion Program?

YES	485
NO	254
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>32</u>
Total	775

Article 20. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$1,200 to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont?

YES	623
NO	133
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>15</u>
Total	775

Article 21. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$2,000 to Vermont Center for Independent Living?

YES	536
NO	203
Spoiled	5
Blank	<u>31</u>
Total	775

Article 22. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$3,500 to Good Samaritan Haven?

YES	547
NO	206
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>18</u>
Total	775

**May 9, 2017 Annual Barre Town Meeting and Election of Officers continued:**

Article 23. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$500 to Good Beginnings of Central VT?

YES	486
NO	250
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>35</u>
Total	775

Article 24. Shall the Town of Barre establish wages and earnings for the following Town officers as listed below?

- a) Auditors - \$13.00 per hour
- b) Moderator - \$75.00 per year
- c) Selectboard members (each) - \$2,000/year

YES	650
NO	99
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>22</u>
Total	775

Article 25. Shall the Town of Barre amend Section 6 (b) of the Barre Town Charter as follows (underlined language would be added and [bracketed] language would be deleted):

Section 6 Board of Civil Authority

(b) The board of civil authority shall meet [~~prior to every regular or special town meeting or election~~] as necessary to prepare, revise and post in the manner required by law, an alphabetical list of all the legal voters in the town. For that purpose the board shall have access to any books or lists belonging to the town, except as provided by law, and may require the assistance of any of the town officers. The [~~board~~] Town Clerk shall post in five (5) places an attested copy of the list of voters so prepared and corrected, at least [~~four (4)~~] thirty (3) days prior to the regular or special town meeting or election, and the said list of voters so prepared and corrected [~~, and no others~~] shall be used at annual or special meetings and elections, except as otherwise allowed by State law. In preparing the list of voters the board shall record each name in such manner as to identify each voter precisely, so as to avoid any possible confusion.

YES	670
NO	73
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>28</u>
Total	775

Article 26. Shall the Town of Barre amend Section 6 (e) of the Barre Town Charter as follows (underlined language would be added and [bracketed] language would be deleted):

Section 6 Board of Civil Authority

(e) Except as otherwise provided by law for additions to the checklist, a majority of all members of the board shall constitute a quorum for all purposes.

YES	664
NO	74
Spoiled	6
Blank	<u>31</u>
Total	775

**SPAULDING UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #41**

Article 1. Shall the voters of the school district approve the school board to expend \$13,372,971 which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuring fiscal year? It is estimated that the proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$13,347 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 3.5% higher than spending for the current year.

YES	488
NO	278
Spoiled	4
Blank	<u>5</u>
Total	775

These are the minutes as taken by Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer.

**ELECTION WORKER OATHS to follow.**

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