

**WASHINGTON -4- GENERAL ELECTION AND
BARRE TOWN SPECIAL MEETING
November 4, 2014**

The duly warned Annual Barre Town Australian Ballot Meeting was held on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at the Barre Town Gymnasium, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. The Board of Civil authority met on Thursday, November 1, 2012 to update the checklist.

POSTING CERTIFICATION

All advertising, postings, and meetings were administered in accordance with VSA Title 17 and the Town of Barre Charter Sections 3a and 6c. Advertising was through the Times Argus Newspaper and postings locations included: Hannaford's Market, Trow Hill Grocery, Graniteville General Store, Lawson's Store, the Barre Town Municipal Building, and the Town website.

Election Day

The following individuals worked at the polls on November 4, 2014: Donna J. Kelty, Terri Jordan, Hilda Lanpher, Paul badger, Carol Gagne, Marilyn Blake, Julia Stark, Diane Badger, Stephen Weston, Connie Weston, Maureen Dalton, Linda Livendale, Diane Hayford, Phyllis Wiggins, Alfred Letourneau, Gordon Booth, Irene Haskell, Christopher Violette, Caroline Pellon, Shirley Rivard, Leslie Newton, Virginia Poplawski, Roberta Chatot, Jay Perkins, Louise Coates, Robert Gioria, Margaret "Peggy" Henry, Anna Crowther, Sheila Walther, Jeanne Daniele, Jane Wass, John Ziske, R. Lee Walther, Mary Lou Booth, Alice Ennis, Rolland Tessier, Thomas Prindiville, Emily Violette, Alicia Violette, Paul Malone, Jeff Blow, and Thomas White.

Presiding Officer Donna Kelty declared the polls open at 7:00 a.m. There were 3 voters turned away. See the explanation below. The polls were declared closed at 7:00 p.m.

The General Election ballots were counted using the Accuvote Optic Scan machine.

The following additions and deletions were made to the checklist throughout the day due to DMV, death, and purging in error:

Name	Addition or Deletion	Reason
David Parrott	Addition	Restored - challenged
Brice Blaisdell	Addition	Restored - challenged
Vincent Stridesberg	Addition	Restored - challenged
Kenneth Austin	Addition	Restored - challenged
Gilbar, Kristin	Addition	Restored - removed in error
Gilbar, B. Michael	Addition	Restored - removed in error
Matton, Raymond	Addition	Restored - challenged
David W. Warman	Addition	Restored - purged in error
Ball, Nathaniel	Addition	DMV
Thresher, Steven	Addition	DMV
Copeland, Timothy	Addition	DMV
Lemeiux, Michael	Addition	DMV
Zirblis, Raymond	Addition	DMV
Zirblis, Ellalou	Addition	DMV
Foster, Cynthia G.	Addition	DMV
Callaghan, Mary M.	Addition	DMV
Murphy, Amy S.	Addition	DMV
Verosko, Edard	Addition	DMV
Leno, Timothy A.	Addition	DMV

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Relation, Clint	Addition	DMV
Relation, Keera	Addition	DMV
Gallagher, Andra	Addition	DMV
Wolffe, Robert	Addition	DMV
Frattini, Danielle	Addition	DMV
Goodrich, Matthew	Addition	DMV
Richards, Jane C.	Addition	DMV
Ainsworth, Peter G.	Addition	DMV
Ainsworth, Mary J.	Addition	DMV
Stevens, Melissa	Addition	DMV
Gabaree, Ronald E.	Addition	DMV
Silk, John H.	Addition	DMV
Tabor, Dustin	Addition	DMV
French, Paula	Addition	DMV
French, Jason	Addition	DMV
Rinehart, Elizabeth	Addition	DMV

STATISCAL INFORMATION

Five "challenged" voters were confirmed and remain on the checklist. The final checklist total is 5,524 voters. The total ballots counted were 2,942. Of those cast 18 were considered spoiled due to the absentee certificate envelope not being signed or the voted ballot was not sealed in the certificate envelope. Early ballots cast were 634. Overall voter turnout is 53.26%.

The Town Clerk reported that 1 person was turned away at the polls. Barre City sent an individual to the Town and further stated that Barre Town would allow the person to vote. This individual verified no paperwork had been completed through a State agency, voter registration drive, or DMV prior to the registration deadline. The individual was informed there is no same day voter registration in Vermont and to get on the checklist and vote today she would need a court order. The individual left without incident.

Two additional individuals were turned away as they were on other municipal checklists but were not sure if they completed applications to make the necessary residency change.

GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS

CANDIDATE	TOTAL
Matthew Andrews	26
Mark Donka	1221
Cris Ericson	24
Randall Meyer	43
Jerry Trudell	11
Peter Welch	1535
Write-Ins	7
Spoiled	19
Blank	<u>56</u>
Total	2942

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GOVERNOR

CANDIDATE	TOTAL
Pete Diamondstone	13
Cris Ericson	4
Dan Feliciano	93
Scott Milne	1980
Bernard Peters	4
Emily Peyton	22
Peter Shumlin	771
Write-Ins	3
Spoiled	19
Blank	<u>33</u>
Total	2942

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

CANDIDATE	TOTAL
Marina Brown	15
Dean Corren	319
Phil Scott	2568
Write-ins	2
Spoiled	19
Blank	<u>19</u>
Total	2942

STATE TREASURER

CANDIDATE	TOTAL
Murray Ngoima	163
Beth Pearce	2101
Don Schramm	307
Write-ins	13
Spoiled	23
Blank	<u>335</u>
Total	2942

SECRETARY OF STATE

CANDIDATE	TOTAL
Jim Condos	1964
Ben Eastwood	353
Mary Alice Herbert	231
Write-ins	12
Spoiled	21
Blank	<u>361</u>
Total	2942

AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS

CANDIDATE	TOTAL
Doug Hoffer	2289
Write-ins	22
Spoiled	21
Blank	<u>610</u>
Total	2942

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

CANDIDATE	TOTAL
Rosemarie Jackowski	60
Shane McCormack	1414
William H. Sorrell	1354
Write-ins	1
Spoiled	20
Blank	<u>93</u>
Total	2942

STATE SENATOR (Vote for not more than three.)

CANDIDATE	TOTAL
Ann Cummings	1148
William "Bill" Doyle	2035
Sandra "Sandy" Gaffney	365
Dexter Lefavour	1214
Pat McDonald	1886
Anthony Pollina	893
Write-ins	5
Spoiled	54
Blank	<u>1226</u>
Total	8826

STATE REPRESENTATIVE (Vote for not more than two)

CANDIDATE	TOTAL
J. Guy Isabelle	1358
Rob LaClair	1616
Francis "Topper" McFaun	2029
Write-ins	7
Spoiled	40
Blank	<u>834</u>
Total	5884

PROBATE JUDGE

CANDIDATE	TOTAL
Jeffrey P. Kilgore	2311
Write-ins	18
Spoiled	25
Blank	<u>588</u>
Total	2942

ASSISTANT JUDGE - vote for not more than 2

CANDIDATE	TOTAL
Miriam "Muffie" Conlon	1205
Otto Kinzel	2013
Tony Lolli	851
Write-ins	13
Spoiled	36
Blank	<u>1766</u>
Total	5884

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STATE'S ATTORNEY

CANDIDATE	TOTAL
Tom Kelly	1965
Scott R. Williams	853
Write-ins	1
Spoiled	18
Blank	<u>105</u>
Total	2942

SHERIFF

CANDIDATE	TOTAL
W. Samuel Hill	2598
Write-ins	10
Spoiled	19
Blank	<u>315</u>
Total	2942

HIGH BALIFF

CANDIDATE	TOTAL
Marc Poulin	2613
Write-ins	12
Spoiled	20
Blank	<u>297</u>
Total	2942

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE - vote for note more than 15

CANDIDATE	TOTAL
Gordon J. Booth	2192
Pearl Bugbee	1575
William "Bill" Bugbee	1554
Charles "Chip" Castle	1610
Tracy Delude	1835
Irene Haskell	1451
Guy Isabelle	1794
JP Isabelle	1526
Paul Malone	1783
Ed Paquin	1361
Jay Perkins	1801
Virginia "Ginny" Poplawski	1717
Christopher Violette	2081
R. Lee Walther	1743
Sheila M. Walther	1756
Write-Ins	63
Spoiled	315
Blank	<u>17973</u>
Total	44130

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Article 1. Shall the Voters of the Town of Barre adopt the Central Vermont Public Safety Authority Charter?

	TOTAL
Yes	891
No	1914
Spoiled	20
Blank	<u>117</u>
Total	2942

Article 2. Shall the town of Barre amend Section 3(a) of the Barre Town Charter as follows (underlined language would be added):

Section 3 Warnings:

- (a) Public notice of every town meeting or town election shall be given by a warning posted; at the municipal building, on the official town website, and at three (3) public places in the Town, as designated by the Selectboard, at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting; and published two (2) times, on the same day of the week for two (2) consecutive weeks, in a newspaper having general circulation in the town. The first such publication shall be at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting.

	TOTAL
Yes	1942
No	761
Spoiled	18
Blank	<u>221</u>
Total	2942

Article 3. Shall the Town of Barre amend Section 7 of the Barre Town Charter as follows (underlined language would be added and [~~bracketed~~] language would be deleted):

Section 7 Nomination of Candidates

Nominations of persons to fill town offices shall be by petition containing the signatures of at least thirty (30) voters or one (1) percent of the voters, whichever is less. Petitions shall be filed with the town clerk, together with a written assent signed by the nominee. Both petition and written assent shall be filed at least [~~thirty (30)~~] forty five (45) and not more than [~~forty (40)~~] fifty five (55) days prior to the election. When a petition is presented to the town clerk for filing, the town clerk shall immediately examine the same and ascertain whether it conforms to the provisions of this section. If not found in conformity, the town clerk shall designate the defect in writing and return the petition, together with the written reason for rejection, within six (6) hours, to the candidate in whose behalf it was filed. Such petition may again be presented when properly amended if this can be done within the time allowed for filing such petition. All town elections shall be nonpartisan and no party designation or slogan shall be printed on any town ballot or petition.

	TOTAL
Yes	1838
No	841
Spoiled	18
Blank	<u>245</u>
Total	2942

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Article 4. Shall the Town of Barre amend Section 33(a) of the Barre Town Charter as follows (underlined language would be added and [~~bracketed~~] language would be deleted):

Section 33 Collection of Taxes

- (a) Real and personal property taxes and any other taxes, assessments, charges or levies by the town shall be due either in one (1) payment or not more than four (4) ~~[equal]~~ installments, as equal as possible, on dates specified by the voters at the annual election. If an interim tax rate has been set, the installments shall be calculated as though it were not an interim rate. However, once the budgets have been passed, revised tax bills shall be sent to the taxpayers and the remaining installments shall be calculated to offset equally, or as equal as possible, the over-or-under-payment caused by the interim rate. Any installment not paid when due shall be delinquent and there shall immediately be added to the amount due a charge for late payment equivalent to five (5) percent of the delinquent installment. For a period of thirty (30) days immediately following the due date, delinquent accounts shall be retained by the treasurer and shall be payable to his/her office.

	TOTAL
Yes	1839
No	834
Spoiled	20
Blank	<u>249</u>
Total	2942

Article 5. Shall the Town of Barre amend Section 34 of the Barre Town Charter as follows (underlined language would be added and [~~bracketed~~] language would be deleted):

Section 34 Board of Abatement

- (a) The board of civil authority, together with the listers, shall constitute the board of abatement. The chairman and clerk of the board of civil authority shall serve as the chairman and clerk, respectively, of the board of abatement.
- (b) The board shall meet at least one (1) time each year, at the call of the clerk, to consider all requests for abatement of any tax, ~~[including any special]~~ assessment, charge or other levy made by the town ~~[-]~~ , or of any penalties, interest and other delinquent charges.
- (c) Public notice of every meeting of the board of abatement shall be given by posting; at the municipal building, on the official town website, and ~~[#]~~ at least ~~[five (5)]~~ three (3) other public places within the town, as designated by the Selectboard, and by publishing the notice two (2) times in a newspaper having general circulation within the town within at least two (2) and not more than ten (10) days prior to the meeting.
- (d) Any taxpayer may request abatement of any tax, assessment, charge or other levy, or any other penalties, interest and other delinquent charges for which ~~[he]~~ that individual is or may become liable. The tax collector may also submit to the board for its consideration such taxes, assessment charges or other levies, or penalties, interest and other delinquent charges as ~~[he]~~ the tax collector may see fit and may also offer ~~[his]~~ recommendations to the board. If the board finds:
 - (1) That there is no reasonable probability ~~[that the tax can be collected]~~ of collection, or

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- (2) That the tax, assessment, charge or other levy was not properly assessed, or
- (3) That all persons liable for the tax, assessment, charge or other levy have died or removed from that state, or
- (4) That the persons liable for the tax, assessment, charge or other levy are financially unable to pay same, or
- (5) That collection of the tax, assessment, charge or other levy would create an undue expense for the town,

then the board may abate the tax, assessment, charge or other levy, or the accrued penalties, interest and other delinquent charges in whole or in part. If wholly abated, all accrued penalties, interest and other delinquent charges shall also abate in full. If partly abated, such penalties, interest and charges shall abate pro rata.

	TOTAL
Yes	1802
No	857
Spoiled	19
Blank	<u>264</u>
Total	2942

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