



TOWN OF BARRE NON-PARTISAN CAUCUS
Monday, March 13, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to order.....7:00 p.m.
2. Welcome by Melissa Battah, Democratic Committee and Jeff Blow, Republicans Committee.
3. Appoint Moderator and Recording Clerk for the meeting
4. Nominations for Town Officers:
 - A. Selectboard 3-year term (Bob Nelson - Incumbent)
 - B. Selectboard 2-year term (Jack Mitchell Incumbent)
 - C. Auditor 3-year term (Charles Woodhams – Incumbent)
 - D. Constable 1-year term (Dave Freeman - Incumbent) “pending legislative action”
 - F. Moderator 1-year term (Tom Koch - Incumbent)
6. Other Business
7. Adjourn

Petitions & Consent of Candidate forms are due to the Town Clerk’s Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2023.

MINUTES

The duly warned meeting of the Town of Barre Non-Partisan Caucus was held on Monday, March 13, 2023 at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 7:00 p.m.

Those in attendance: Town Clerk Tina Lunt, Republican Chair Jeff Blow, Democratic Chair Melissa Battah, Francis “Topper” McFaun, Mary McFaun, Gina Galfetti, Cedric Sanborn, Tom Koch, Donald Koch, Mike Gilbar, Norma Malone, Paul Malone, Robert Harvey, Ginette Harvey, Shadi Battah, Paul White, Jack Mitchell, Nancy LeClerc, Darin Magwire, Joan McMahan, Brandon Campo, Sandra Batchelder, and Jeremiah Breer.

CALL TO ORDER: Democratic Committee Chair Melissa Battah called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPOINT MODERATOR AND RECORDING CLERK FOR MEETING:

On a motion by Norma Malone, Thomas Koch was nominated for Moderator for the Town of Barre Non-Partisan Caucus meeting.

With no other candidates the nominations were closed. By unanimous consensus Thomas Koch was appointed Moderator

On a motion by Norma Malone, Tina Lunt was nominated for Recording Clerk for the Town of Barre Non-Partisan Caucus meeting.

With no other candidates the nominations were closed. By unanimous consensus Tina Lunt was appointed Recording Clerk for the March 13, 2023 Town of Barre Non-Partisan Caucus.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Moderator Tom Koch informed those present the purpose of this meeting is to ensure there is at least one candidate for each municipal office. This is a unique tradition for Barre Town and the nominations have no

legal standing. Petitions and Consent of Candidate forms are due to the Town Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 24, 2023.

NOMINATIONS FOR TOWN OFFICERS:

Selectboard 3-year term:

On a motion by Jeff Blow, Bob Nelson was nominated for Selectboard 3-year term.

With no other candidates the nominations were closed, and Moderator Koch declared Bob Nelson the winner of the Selectboard 3-year term non-partisan caucus nomination.

Selectboard 2-year term:

On a motion by Paul Malone, Mike Gilbar was nominated for Selectboard 2-year term.

With no other candidates the nominations were closed, and Moderator Koch declared Mike Gilbar the winner of the Selectboard 2-year term non-partisan caucus nomination.

Auditor 3-year term:

On a motion by Norma Malone, Charles Woodhams was nominated for Auditor 3-year term.

With no other candidates the nominations were closed, and Moderator Koch declared Charles Woodhams the winner of the Auditor 3-year term non-partisan caucus nomination.

Constable 1-year term:

On a motion by Paul White, David Freeman was nominated for Constable 1-year term.

With no other candidates the nominations were closed, and Moderator Koch declared David Freeman the winner of the Constable 1-year term non-partisan caucus nomination.

Moderator 1-year term:

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, Thomas Koch was nominated for Moderator 1-year term.

On a motion by Sandra Batchelder, Melissa Battah was nominated for Moderator 1-year term.

Moderator Tom Koch announced he would step aside and asked Selectboard Chair Paul White to take over for the vote. Paper ballots were passed out to those who were present.

Chair White announced the winner of the Moderator 1-year term non-partisan caucus nomination is Tom Koch.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Mitchell stated he has enjoyed his time serving on the Selectboard. He expressed his appreciation in everyone's ability to be civil through the years, although many have different options on matters. Additionally, Mr. Mitchell noted his sincere appreciation regarding receiving the Wendell Pelkey Award. He stated this was a complete surprise and honor and thanked all that were involved.

Those present applauded Mr. Mitchell for his service.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Jeff Blow seconded by Mary McFaun, the Caucus voted to adjourn at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tina Lunt, Town Clerk