



Town of Barre VERMONT

TOWN OF BARRE OPEN MEETING May 3, 2023

MINUTES

The duly warned Annual Barre Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2023 at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m. All warnings and checklist were posted in accordance with VSA Title 17.

Selectboard Members Present: Norma Malone, Bob Nelson, Justin Bolduc, Paul White, and W. John “Jack” Mitchell.

Others Present: Town Manager Chris Violette, and Town Clerk Tina Lunt.

For a list of voters present contact the Town Clerk’s office.

Not on the checklist who were present included: Times Argus Reporter Eric Blaisdell and Lisa Bernard.

CALL TO ORDER: Moderator Thomas Koch called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

MEETING DETAILS:

With no objection, the Moderator read the Article as it was discussed.

Article 1: To see if the Town of Barre will vote to pay its real and personal property taxes to the Treasurer in four installments as follows:

- First installment on August 15, 2023
- Second installment on November 15, 2023
- Third installment on February 15, 2024
- Fourth installment on May 15, 2024

On a motion by Paul Malone, seconded by Jack Mitchell, Article 1 was unanimously approved as read.

Article 2: Shall the homestead property tax payment received from the State be applied pro rata to reduce the amount of each tax installment?

On a motion by Mike Gilbar, seconded by Jeff Blow, Article 2 was unanimously approved as read.

Article 3: To see if the Town of Barre will vote to pay its sewer assessments to the Treasurer in semi-annual installments payable on August 15, 2023 and February 15, 2024.

On a motion by Jack Mitchell, seconded by Norma Malone, Article 3 was unanimously approved as read.

Article 4: To see if the Town of Barre will vote to authorize the Selectboard to sell real estate belonging to the Town and not needed for Town purposes during the ensuing fiscal year or change the use of any real property owned by the Town in accordance with the Barre Town Charter, Chapter 6, Section 41.

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On a motion by Norma Malone, seconded by Alan Garceau, Article 4 was unanimously approved as read.

Article 5: To hear the Selectboard present the Wendell F. Pelkey Citizenship & Service Award.

This award is presented to an individual for outstanding public service and citizenship. Moderator Koch turned the floor over to Selectboard Chair White.

Chair White announced that the 2023 Wendell F. Pelkey Citizenship & Service Award is presented to Dwight “Harry” Harrington. Chair White read the resolution.

Mr. Harrington thanked the Cemetery Commission for all of their help in helping the cemeteries run smoothly. Additionally, he said the award goes back to all the supporters that help the Commission.

Moderator Koch stated every engine needs a spark plug and “Harry” has proved this. Moderator Koch noted he appreciates the work of the Cemetery Commission and thanked Mr. Harrington for his work with the Flags of Veterans.

Several co-workers, public officials, and Board members commented on Mr. Harrington’s work throughout the years. They shared that Mr. Harrington has been an inspiration and influencer. They noted his kind, caring, and good humor spirit. Cemetery Commission members shared that Mr. Harrington has exceptional historic research, surveying, and documentation skills that he brings to the Cemetery Commission. The Barre Town cemeteries would not be the way they are without the work that has been completed by Mr. Harrington.

Article 6: To transact such other business as may legally come before the Town of Barre.

On a motion by Mike Gilbar, seconded by Jack Mitchell, Article 6 was unanimously approved as read.

ADJOURN:

On a motion by Paul Malone, seconded by Jack Mitchell, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

These are the minutes as taken by Tina Lunt, Town Clerk