



**TOWN OF BARRE ANNUAL ELECTION**

**MAY 9, 2022**

The duly warned Annual Barre Town Australian ballot Meeting and Barre Unified Union School District Budget Revote was held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at Barre Town Middle and Elementary School 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, 2023: Tina Lunt (Presiding Officer), Bonnie George, Shirley Rivard, Fred Thumm, Catherine Whalen, Sandy Kirkland, Andrea Blanchard, Nancy Clermont, Brenda Buzzell, Linda Bongiolotti, Marty O’Connor, Mark Audy, Virginia Poplawski, Donna Kelty, Lee Walther, Chip Castle, Dean Preston, Paul White, Ed Paquin, Jeff Blow, Lori Cohen, and JP Isabelle.

**OPENING OF THE POLLS:**

Presiding Officer Tina Lunt declared the polls open at 7:00 a.m. and declared the polls closed at 7:00 p.m.

**STATISTICAL INFORMATION:**

The ballots were counted using the ImageCast Precinct 2 tabulator. The total number of voters on the checklist after the additions is 6324. There were 2 same day voter registrations. A total of 1290 ballots were casted (20% turnout) with 801 of those being early ballots. There were no defective ballots.

**ELECTION RESULTS:**

ARTICLE 1 – To elect all necessary officers for the Town of Barre for the ensuing term commencing May 10, 2023.

<b>Selectboard: 3-Year Term</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Bob Nelson	1127
Write-Ins	5
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	158
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

<b>Selectboard: 2-Year Term</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
B. Michael Gilbar	1024
Write-Ins	15
Overvotes	1
Undervotes	250
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

<b>Moderator: 1-Year Term</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Thomas F. “Tom” Koch	1097
Write-Ins	7
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	186
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

<b>Auditor: 1-Year Term</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Charles C. Woodhams	1032
Write-Ins	6
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	252
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

<b>Constable: 1-Year Term</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
David F. Freeman	1041
Write-Ins	10
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	239
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 2 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize \$4,579,016 to operate the General Government of the Town of Barre during the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023?

<b>Voted Item</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Yes	1020
No	218
Overvotes	2
Undervotes	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 3 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize \$35,495 from the General Fund towards the operation of the Town cemeteries during the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023; said sum to be added to the General Fund authorizations under Article 2 above?

<b>Voted Item</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Yes	1114
No	150
Overvotes	1
Undervotes	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 4- Shall the Town of Barre authorize \$3,715,340 for construction and maintenance of the Town highway and bridges during the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023?

<b>Voted Item</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Yes	1162
No	115
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 5 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$20,000 to Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice Inc.?

<b>Voted Item</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Yes	1062
No	211
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 6 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$6,000 to Central Vermont Council of Aging?

<b>Voted Item</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Yes	1015
No	243
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 7 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$1,000 to Retired Senior Volunteer Program for Central Vermont?

<b>Voted Item</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Yes	1004
No	249
Overvotes	1
Undervotes	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 8 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$2,000 to Circle (formerly known as Battered Women’s Services & Shelter, Inc.)?

<b>Voted Item</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Yes	1040
No	224
Overvotes	1
Undervotes	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 9 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$2,000 to People’s Health & Wellness Clinic?

<b>Voted Item</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Yes	954
No	309
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 10 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$2,900 to Central Vermont Adult Basic Education?

<b>Voted Item</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Yes	963
No	295
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 11 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$4,000 to the Barre Heritage Festival?

<b>Voted Item</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Yes	795
No	456
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	39
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 12 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$1,500 to the Family Center of Washington County?

<b>Voted Item</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Yes	930
No	325
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 13 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$7,500 to the Barre Area Senior Center?

<b>Voted Item</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Yes	985
No	280
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 14 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$1,000 to Capstone Community Action?

<b>Voted Item</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Yes	850
No	392
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 15 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$500 to the Washington County Youth Service Bureau?

<b>Voted Item</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Yes	964
No	284
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 16 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$350 to Mosaic Vermont, Inc. (formerly know as the Sexual Assault Crisis Team of Washington County)?

<b>Voted Item</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Yes	960
No	282
Overvotes	1
Undervotes	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 17 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$2,500 to the Washington Country Diversion Program?

<b>Voted Item</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Yes	828
No	413
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 18 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$1,200 to Prevent Child Abuse Vermont.

<b>Voted Item</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Yes	1037
No	213
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 19 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$2,000 to the Vermont Center for Independent Living?

<b>Voted Item</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Yes	915

No	325
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTILCE 20 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$3,500 to the Good Samaritan Haven?

<b>Voted Item</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Yes	892
No	358
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 21 - Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$500 to Good Beginnings of Central Vermont?

<b>Voted Item</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Yes	832
No	408
Overvotes	1
Undervotes	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 22 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$2,500 to Downstreet Housing & Community Development?

<b>Voted Item</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Yes	738
No	484
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	68
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 23 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$1,250 to Community Harvest of Central Vermont.

<b>Voted Item</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Yes	751
No	473
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	66
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 24 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$5,000 to Washington County Mental Health?

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	934
No	312
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 25 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$16,795 to Barre Area Development for staffing a part-time marketing coordinator position, in addition to \$64,550 included in the General Fund authorizations in Article 2 above?

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	604
No	615
Overvotes	1
Undervotes	70
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 26 – Shall the Town of Barre amend the Barre Town Charter as follows (underlined language would be added and [bracketed] language would be deleted):

Section 6 – Board of Civil Authority

- (a) A Board of Civil Authority shall consist of the justices of the peace residing within the Town, the Town Clerk, and the Selectboard. At the first meeting on or after ~~[following]~~ February 1 of each year ~~[each annual Town election]~~, the Board shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair from among its members; the Town Clerk shall be the Clerk of the Board. In the event of the absence of ~~[either]~~ the Chair and Vice-Chair or Clerk from any meeting of the Board, the first order of business shall be the election of a Chair or Clerk, Pro Tempore, to serve for the balance of the meeting.

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	1097
No	122
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	71
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 27 – Pursuant to Section 10 (f) of the Barre Town Charter, shall the Town of Barre abolish the position of Auditor?

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	680
No	491
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	119
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

ARTICLE 28 – 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 per year

<b>Voted Item</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>
Yes	1051
No	184
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	55
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

<b>BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT - REVOTE</b>	
<b>ARTICLE 1</b>	
<b>Shall the voters of the Barre Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend \$55,615,633, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,978 per equalized pupil. This reflects a 5% general fund increase.</b>	
Yes	705
No	575
Overvotes	0
Undervotes	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>1290</b>

These are the minutes as taken by Tina Lunt, Town Clerk. Dated May 10, 2023.