

# TOWN OF BARRE NON-PARTISAN CAUCUS

March 16, 2015

## Agenda

1. Call to order 6:30 p.m.
2. Welcome from
3. Appoint Moderator and Recording Clerk for the meeting
4. Nominations for Town Officers:
  - A. Selectboard 3 year term (incumbent Rolland Tessier),
  - B. Selectboard 2 year term (incumbent Rob LaClair),
  - C. Town Clerk-Treasurer 3 year term (incumbent Donna J. Kelty),
  - D. Auditor 3 year term (held by Fred Thumm),
  - E. Constable 1 year term (incumbent Dave Freeman),
  - F. Moderator 1 year term (incumbent Tom Koch).
5. Deadline to submit a petition is March 30, 2015 (30 signatures required).
6. Other Business
7. Adjourn

## MEETING MINUTES

The duly warned meeting of the Town of Barre Non-Partisan Caucus was held on Monday, March 16, 2015, 6:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, Selectboard Meeting Room in Lower Websterville for the purpose of nominating candidates for the annual Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015.

Public notice was posted at various locations around Town including the Municipal Building, by email, and on the Barre Town website. An advertisement was placed in the Times Argus Newspaper.

## ATTENDANCE

The following individuals "signed in" for the meeting: Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, Mark Cappetta, Rick Choquette, Tom Koch, Robert Smedy, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Karen Blow, Jeff Blow, Roger Cyr, Robert Sager, Francis McFaun, Mary Ann McFaun, Tracy Delude, David Smedy, Yvonne Trepanier, Ed Paquin, Shannon Bailey, Brian Bailey, Ernest Lanpher, Beulah Lanpher, Katharine Tessier, Brittany Tessier, Rolland Tessier, Elizabeth Mackin, John Gagne, Sheila Walther, R. Lee Walther, Cedric Sanborn, Gordon Booth, Robert LaClair, Kim Ladue, Thomas W. White, David F. Freeman, Tracy Wright, Shelly Weeks, Stephen May, Jay Perkins, and Douglas Farnham.

Jack Mitchell (Democratic Party) called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

## APPOINT MODERATOR and RECORDING CLERK FOR MEETING

On a motion by Tessier, and duly seconded, Thomas "Tom" Koch was nominated for Moderator and Donna J. Kelty as recording Clerk for this meeting. With no other candidates the nominations were closed. By a unanimous vote Tom Koch was appointed Moderator for the March 16, 2015 Town of Barre Non-Partisan Caucus.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Moderator Koch informed those present the purpose of this meeting is to ensure there is at least one candidate for each municipal office. This meeting holds no "official standing" in law. In the event there is a race for an office, a paper vote will be held. Koch noted the deadline to submit a petition (30 signatures required) is Monday, March 30, 2015, 5:00 p.m. at the Town Clerk's Office.

**BARRE TOWN NON-PARTISAN CAUCUS MEETING OF March 16, 2015 continued:**

**NOMINATIONS**

Selectboard 3 year term

On a motion by Lee Walther, seconded by LaClair, Rolland Tessier was nominated for Selectboard 3 year term. With no other candidates nominations were closed and Moderator Koch declared Rolland Tessier the winner of the Selectboard 3 year term non-partisan caucus nomination.

Selectboard 2 year term

On a motion by Jeff Blow, seconded by Cedric Sanborn, Robert LaClair was nominated for Selectboard 2 year term. With no other candidates nominations were closed. The vote was called and Moderator Koch declared Robert LaClair the winner of the Selectboard 2 year term non-partisan caucus nomination.

Town Clerk-Treasurer 3 year term

On a motion by Gordon Booth and duly seconded, Donna J. Kelty I was nominated for Town Clerk-Treasurer 3 year term. With no other candidates nominations were closed and Moderator Koch declared Donna J. Kelty the winner of the Town Clerk-Treasurer 3 year term non-partisan caucus nomination.

Auditor - 3 year term

The item was passed over as there were no nominations.

Constable - 1 year term

On a motion by Tom White, and duly seconded, Dave Freeman was nominated for Constable 1 year term. The nominations were closed and the vote called. Dave Freeman was declared the winner of the Constable 1 year term non-partisan caucus nomination.

Moderator - 1 year term

On a motion by Lee Walther, and duly seconded, Thomas "Tom" Koch was nominated for Moderator 1 year term. With no other candidates the nominations were closed. A vote was called and Moderator Koch declared Thomas "Tom" Koch the winner of the Moderator for a 1 year term non-partisan caucus nomination.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

The deadline to file petitions is Monday, March 30, 2015, 5:00 p.m. at the Barre Town Clerk's Office. Those present were reminded to sign the petitions of the winning caucus members prior to leaving the meeting.

Lee Walther, out of curiosity, inquired as to whether any other Towns held a caucus of this nature. Koch stated none that he knew of. It has been happening in Barre Town for as long as he can remember. The concept was to ensure there were candidates to run for office.

**ADJOURN**

On a motion by Cedric Sanborn, and duly seconded those present voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:42 p.m.

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Donna J. Kelty, Town Clerk-Treasurer.