

TOWN OF BARRE OPEN MEETING
May 2, 2018

The duly warned Annual Barre Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2018 at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m. All warnings and checklists were posted in accordance with VSA Title 17.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ATTENDANCE

Selectboard members in attendance included: Tom White, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Bob Nelson, Rolland Tessier and Paul White. Also in attendance were Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang, and Town Attorney Michael Monte. For a list of voters present contact the Town Clerk's office.

MEETING DETAILS

With no objection the Moderator read each Article as it was discussed. It was noted for the record Town Clerk Donna Kelty was not present due to illness. As a result the meeting minutes will be transcribed from the audio tape - this meeting is being audio taped.

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

First installment on August 15, 2018

Second installment on November 15, 2018

Third installment on February 15, 2019

Fourth installment on May 15, 2019?

On a motion by Jeff Blow and duly seconded, Article 1 was unanimously approved as read.

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

On a motion by Norma Malone and duly seconded, 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, 2018 and February 15, 2019?

On a motion by Paul Malone and duly seconded, 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?

On a motion by Pearl Bugbee and duly seconded, Article 4 was unanimously approved as read.

This annual action allows the Selectboard to sell property of the Town without a special election. Charter provisions allow for a process to include public input. A good example is the Wilson Industrial Park.

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

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Moderator Koch turned the floor over to Selectboard Chair Tom White. Mr. White read the Resolution which was awarded to Jeffrey A. Blow. Said Resolution is recorded in the Barre Town Records located in the Town Clerk's Office.

Mr. Blow was presented a certificate and plaque. He thanked those present for this award.

Those present shared their memories of interactions with Mr. Blow over the years. His strengths are the ability to encourage others to participate in local government, his common sense approach of "it is broken let's fix it," how well he lives democracy (listening and intensely discussing issues), his belief and understanding of the Barre Town community.

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

With no other business, there was a motion by Pearl Bugbee and duly seconded, to pass over Article 6 which was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN

On a motion by William Bugbee and duly seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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