

**TOWN OF BARRE OPEN MEETING**  
**May 4, 2016**

The duly warned Annual Barre Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 4, 2016 at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m. The deadline to register to vote was May 4, 2016 at 5:00 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 7:32 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Selectboard members in attendance included: Jeff Blow, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Rolland Tessier and Tom White. Also in attendance were Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Manager Elaine Wang, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, 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.

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, 2016

Second installment on November 15, 2016

Third installment on February 15, 2017

Fourth installment on May 15, 2017?

*On a motion by William Bugbee, seconded by Mark Reaves, 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 Carl Rogers, and seconded by William Bugbee, 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, 2016 and February 15, 2017?

*On a motion by Mark Reaves Duke, seconded by Dave Rouleau, 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 Jack Mitchell, and seconded by Chris Violette, 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."

Moderator Koch turned the floor over to Selectboard Chair Blow.

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This award is presented to an individual for outstanding public service and citizenship. Selectboard member Jack Mitchell read the Resolution.

James and Beverlee Lawson, Lawson's General Store was presented with this year's award. Lawson's Store has been in operation since 1918 and been an integral part of the community. To read about their wonderful contribution visit the website ([www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org)) or contact the Manager's Office.

Members of the audience reminisced and told stories of how Jim and Bev have been such a wonderful part of the Barre Town experience.

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

Jack Mitchell read the Resolution honoring outgoing Selectboard member/Chair Jeff Blow for his many years of service. To read more visit the Town website ([www.barretown.org](http://www.barretown.org)).

Everyone wished Mr. Blow well in his retirement.....of sorts and remembered "good times."

**ADJOURN**

*On a motion by William Bugbee, seconded by Charles Castle, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.*

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