

TOWN OF BARRE OPEN MEETING
May 6, 2015

The duly warned Annual Barre Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 6, 2015 at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m. The deadline to register to vote was May 6, 2015 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 7:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Selectboard members in attendance included: Jeff Blow, Rob LaClair, Rolland Tessier and Tom White. Also in attendance were Town Manager Carl Rogers, Assistant Town Manager Andrew Dorsett, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, and Town Attorney Michael Monte. For a list of voters present see the Check-In list.

CALL TO ORDER

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

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 17, 2015

Second installment on November 16, 2015

Third installment on February 16, 2016

Fourth installment on May 16, 2016?

On a motion by William Bugbee, seconded by Paul Malone, 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 Gordon Booth, and seconded by Pearl 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 17, 2015 and February 16, 2016?

On a motion by Claire Duke, seconded by Lee Walther, 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 Paul Malone, 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.

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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.

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

Claire Duke was this year's recipient, receiving a rousing standing ovation. She was very humbled and surprised to receive this recognition.

Since 1974 Ms. Duke has served as Committee Chair on the Charter Committee, served on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Planning Commission and has been an active member in various community organizations: Rotary Club, March of Dimes, Red Cross, and Central VT Medical Center Advisory Board. Ms. Duke has also been active with Green Up Day since its inception.

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

There was no other business.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Paul Malone, seconded by William Bugbee, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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