

**TOWN OF BARRE OPEN MEETING,
ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS & VOTING BY AUSTRALIAN BALLOT, and
BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET REVOTE**

May 11, 2021

Election Minutes

The Barre Town Open Meeting, Annual Election of Officers & Voting by Australian Ballot, and Barre Unified Union School District Budget Revote were held on May 11, 2021. The duly warned elections were conducted using the standard methods (early voting and in-person at the Barre Town Middle and Elementary School Gymnasium, located at 70 Websterville Road, Websterville, Vermont. All checklists, warnings, and advertisements were posted in accordance with VSA Title 17 and the Barre Town Charter.

Election Day

The following individuals worked at the polls on May 11, 2021: Donna J. Kelty, Pearl Bugbee, William Bugbee, Lee Walther, Sheila Walther, Virginia Poplawski, Shirley Rivard, Sylvia "Sue" Boutin, Bob Gioria, Sandy Kirkland, Andrea Blanchard, Bonnie George,

OPENING OF THE POLLS – The school gymnasium clock was not functioning accurately which resulted in the opening of the polls by the time on the Presiding Officer cell phone. The polling place was declared open at 7:00 a.m. Early ballots were processed on Thursday, May 6, 2021, 10:00 am – 4:00 p.m. at the Barre Town Municipal Building, 149 Websterville Road. The process resulted in 1146 ballots tabulated and 16 ballots were defective.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

The election ballots were counted using the Accuvote Optic Scan machine. There were no same day voter registrations. Total number on the checklist is 6,306. There were 1763 ballots cast (27.95% voter turnout). Of those voting 1328 were early ballots and 16 were defective.

On Election Day the drop boxes located at the Municipal Building were clearly posted with signage to instruct voters to return early ballots to the polling prior to 7:00 p.m. or their vote would not count.

ELECTION RESULTS

Article I. To elect all necessary officers for the Town of Barre for the ensuing term commencing May 15, 2019.

Selectboard – 3 year term:

Norma Malone = 1478, Write Ins = 22, Overvoted = 16, Undervoted = 247.

Selectboard – 2 year term:

W. John "Jack" Mitchell = 1527, Write Ins = 16, Overvoted = 17, Undervoted = 203.

Town Clerk – 3 year term:

Caitlyn Janus = 605, Tina Lunt = 1060, Write Ins = 0, Overvoted = 17, Undervoted = 81.

Moderator – 1 year term:

Thomas F. "Tom" Koch = 1562, Write Ins = 6, Overvoted = 16, Undervoted = 179.

Auditor – 3 year term:

Susan Paxman = 1283, Fred Thumm = 293, Write Ins = 6, Overvoted = 20, Undervoted = 161.

Constable – 1 year term:

David F. Freeman = 1535, Write Ins = 4, Overvoted = 16, Undervoted = 208.

Article 2. Shall the Town of Barre authorize \$4,215,186 to operate the General Government of the Town of Barre during the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021?

Yes = 1342, No = 379, Overvoted = 17, Undervoted = 25.

Article 3. Shall the Town of Barre authorize \$28,930 from the General Fund towards the operation of the Town cemeteries during the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021; said sum to be added to the General Fund authorizations under Article 2 above?

Yes = 1486, No = 230, Overvoted = 16, Undervoted = 31.

Article 4. Shall the Town of Barre authorize \$3,137,705 for construction and maintenance of the Town highways and bridges during the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021?

Yes = 1537, No = 188, Overvoted = 17, Undervoted = 21.

May 11, 2021 Annual Barre Town Meeting and Election of Officers continued:

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

Yes = 1383, No = 320, Overvoted = 17, Undervoted = 43.

Article 6. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$6,000 to Central Vermont Agency on Aging?

Yes = 1332, No = 377, Overvoted = 16, Undervoted = 38.

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

Yes = 1337, No = 363, Overvoted = 16, Undervoted = 47.

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

Yes = 1341, No = 371, Overvoted = 18, Undervoted = 33.

Article 9. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$2,000 to People's Health & Wellness Clinic?

Yes = 1266, No = 439, Overvoted = 17, Undervoted = 41.

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

Yes = 1221, No = 487, Overvoted = 16, Undervoted = 39.

Article 11. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$4,000 to Barre Homecoming Days?

Yes = 985, No = 718, Overvoted = 16, Undervoted = 44.

Article 12. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$1,500 to the Family Center of Washington County's playgroup, parent education, and family support activities serving Barre Town?

Yes = 1186, No = 505, Overvoted = 17, Undervoted = 55.

Article 13. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$7,500 to Barre Senior Center?

Yes = 1291, No = 420, Overvoted = 16, Undervoted = 36.

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

Yes = 1150, No = 556, Overvoted = 16, Undervoted = 41.

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

Yes = 1242, No = 452, Overvoted = 18, Undervoted = 51.

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

Yes = 1276, No = 427, Overvoted = 16, Undervoted = 44.

Article 17. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$2,500 to the Washington County Diversion Program?

Yes = 1074, No = 611, Overvoted = 16, Undervoted = 62.

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

Yes = 1405, No = 296, Overvoted = 16, Undervoted = 46.

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

Yes = 1180, No = 508, Overvoted = 16, Undervoted = 59.

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

Yes = 1172, No = 522, Overvoted = 17, Undervoted = 52.

Article 21. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$500 to Good Beginnings of Central VT?

Yes = 1066, No = 614, Overvoted = 17, Undervoted = 614.

Article 22. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$2,500 to Downstreet Housing & community Development?

Yes = 961, No = 713, Overvoted = 16, Undervoted = 73.

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

Yes = 934, No = 742, Overvoted = 16, Undervoted = 71.

Article 24. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$5,000 to Washington County Mental health?

Yes = 1209, No = 471, Overvoted = 16, Undervoted = 67.

May 11, 2021 Annual Barre Town Meeting and Election of Officers continued:

Article 25. Shall the Town of Barre pay its real and personal property taxes to the Treasurer in four equal installments as follows: First installment on September 15, 2021, Second installment on November 15, 2021, Third installment on February 15, 2022, Fourth Installment on May 16, 2022?

Yes = 1634, No = 82, Overvoted = 16, Undervoted = 31.

Article 26. Shall the homestead property tax payments received from the State be applied pro rata to reduce the amount of each tax installment?

Yes = 1611, No = 98, Overvoted = 17, Undervoted = 37.

Article 27. Shall the Town of Barre pay its sewer assessments to the Treasurer in semi-annual installments payable on August 16, 2021 and February 15, 2022?

Yes = 1609, No = 85, Overvoted = 16, Undervoted = 53.

Article 28. Shall the Town of Barre 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?

Yes = 1389, No = 298, Overvoted = 18, Undervoted = 58.

Article 29. Shall the Town of Barre authorize wages and earnings for the following Town officers as listed below? A) Auditors = \$13.00/hours; B) Moderator = \$75.00/per year; C) Selectboard Members (each) = \$2,000 per year.

Yes = 1499, No = 214, Overvoted = 16, Undervoted = 34.

**BARRE UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET REVOTE
May 11, 2021**

ARTICLE 1. Shall the voters of the Barre Unified Union School District approve the school board to expend \$50,372,954, 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 \$15,554 per equalized pupil is 3.41% higher than spending for the current year.

Yes = 829, No = 903, Overvoted = 16, Undervoted = 15.

Respectfully submitted:

Donna J. Kelty, CVC, CVT
Barre Town Clerk-Treasurer (Presiding Officer).

Election Worker Oaths are on the following pages.

BARRE TOWN WASHINGTON -2-
Barre Town Annual Election & Barre Unified Union School District Revote
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I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will be true and faithful to the State of Vermont, and that I will not, directly or indirectly, do any act or thing injurious to the Constitution or Government thereof. So help me God or under the pains and penalties of perjury.

I do solemnly swear or affirm that I will faithfully execute the office of assistant election official for the Town of Barre and will therein do equal right and justice to all persons, to the best of my judgment and ability, according to law. So help God or under the pains and penalties of perjury.

By signing below I acknowledge I have none of the COVID-19 symptoms and that I have not been in contact with anyone who tested positive for COVID-19.

Board of Civil Authority.	Signature	Contact #
Donna J. Kelty, Presiding Officer	<i>Donna J. Kelty</i>	
William Bugbee	<i>William Bugbee</i>	
Charles Castle	<i>Charles Castle</i>	
J. Guy Isabelle		
Jay Perkins	<i>Jay Perkins</i>	
Virginia Poplawski	<i>Virginia Poplawski</i>	
R. Lee Walther	<i>R. Lee Walther</i>	
Sheila Walther	<i>Sheila Walther</i>	
<i>Ed Paquin</i>	<i>Ed Paquin</i>	
<i>Paul White</i>	<i>Paul White</i>	

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Election Worker	Signature	Contact #
Sue Boutin	<i>Sue Boutin</i>	
Andrea Blanchard	<i>Andrea Blanchard</i>	
Bob Gioria	<i>Bob Gioria</i>	
Bonnie George	<i>Bonnie L. George</i>	
Sandy Kirkland	<i>Sandi Kirkland</i>	
Shirley Rivard	<i>S. Shirley Rivard</i>	
Pearl Bugbee		
<i>Ed</i>		