

TOWN OF BARRE NON-PARTISAN CAUCUS

March 15, 2020

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Agenda

1. Call to order 7:00 p.m.
2. Welcome (Melissa Battah- Dems + Jeff Blow - Republicans).
3. By consensus allow Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna Kelty to take the meeting minutes.
4. Nominations for Town Officers: Due to COVID there will be no voting. The purpose of this meeting is to ensure there is a candidate for each Town Office. In the event there is more than one candidate running for an Office, each will be allowed time to address those attending the meeting.
 - A. Selectboard 3 year term (Norma Malone - Incumbent)
 - B. Selectboard 2 year term (Jack Mitchell - Incumbent)
 - C. Town Clerk 3 year term (new position)
 - D. Auditor - 3 year term (Fred Thumm)
 - E. Constable 1 year term (incumbent Dave Freeman)
 - F. Moderator 1 year term (incumbent Tom Koch)
5. Petitions not required due to COVID. Deadline to submit a Consent of Candidate form is March 29, 2021, 5:00 p.m. at the Town Clerk's office.
6. Other Business
7. Adjourn.

MEETING MINUTES

The duly warned meeting of the Town of Barre Non-Partisan Caucus was held on Monday, March 15, 2021, 7:00 p.m., remotely and by telephone using Zoom software, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the annual Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

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, Moderator Thomas Koch, Democratic Chair Melissa Battah, Republican Chair Jeff Blow, Cedric Sanborn, Charles "Chip" Castle, R. Lee Walther, Sheila Walther, Rob LaClair, Sue Paxman, Lori Cohen, J. Guy Isabelle, Terry Reil, Tina Lunt, Paul White, Paul Malone, Norma Malone, Mike Gilbar, Bob Nelson, Linda Nelson, Bob Harvey, Ginette Harvey, Justin Bolduc, Francis "Topper" McFaun, Pearl Bugbee, and Carol Hebert..

Call to Order - Melissa Battah called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

APPOINT MODERATOR and RECORDING CLERK FOR MEETING

On a motion by Paul Malone, and duly seconded, Thomas F. Koch was nominated for Moderator and Donna Kelty as recording secretary for this meeting. With no other

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candidates the nominations were closed. By unanimous consensus Tom Koch was appointed Moderator and Donna J. Kelty was appointed Recording Clerk for the March 15, 2021 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. However, due to COVID-19 and this remote meeting no paper ballots can be cast. Should there be more than one nomination for an elected office, each candidate present will be given time to address the viewing audience.

Petitions are not required due to COVID but the "Consent of Candidate" form must be delivered to the Town Clerk's office no later than Monday, March 30, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Moderator - 1-year term

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

Selectboard 3-year term

On a motion by Sheila Walther and duly seconded, Norma Malone was nominated for Selectboard 3-year term. With no other candidate, nominations were closed, and Moderator Koch declared Norma Malone the winner of the Selectboard 3-year term non-partisan caucus nomination.

Selectboard 2-year term

On a motion by Lee Walther and duly seconded, Terry Reil was nominated for Selectboard 2-year term.

On a motion by Francis McFaun and duly seconded, W. John "Jack" Mitchell was nominated for Selectboard 2-year term.

Terry Reil addressed those present stating he wants to be more involved in the community. There is concerning work to be done and there is a need for good representation.

Jack Mitchell stated there have been a lot of changes in the Town's Administration (Town Clerk, appointed Treasurer, and Finance Director). He would like to follow through with these major changes. The completion of the town-wide reappraisal will also be completed late spring/early summer which will require some time. He feels the Selectboard as whole has done very well working together to address the needs of Barre Town.

Town Clerk - 3-year term

On a motion by Sue Paxman and duly seconded, Tina Lunt was nominated for Town Clerk - 3 year term. With no other candidate, nominations were closed, and Moderator Koch declared Tina Lunt winner of the Town Clerk - 3-year term non-partisan caucus nomination.

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Auditor - 3-year term

On a motion by Chip Castle and duly seconded, Fred Thumm was nominated for Auditor 3-year term.

On a motion by Jeff Blow and duly seconded, Sue Paxman was nominated for Auditor 3-year term.

Mr. Thumm was not present. Sue Paxman was present and stated she wanted to get more involved with serving the Town. She noted her good experience with numbers and has lots of integrity.

Constable - 1-year term

On a motion by Paul 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.

OTHER BUSINESS - None

ADJOURN

On a motion by Paul Malone and duly seconded, the Caucus voted to adjourn at 7:13 p.m.

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