

**TOWN OF BARRE OPEN MEETING**  
**May 3, 2017**

The duly warned Annual Barre Town Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2017 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: W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Rolland Tessier Paul White, 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. Others not on the checklist who were present included Candice, Seth, Desmond, and Sydney Greaves, and John & Cindy Hooker. 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, 2017

Second installment on November 15, 2017

Third installment on February 15, 2018

Fourth installment on May 15, 2018?

*On a motion by William Bugbee, seconded by Paul White, 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, 2017 and February 15, 2018?

*On a motion by Paul Malone, seconded by Tom White, 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 Elaine Wang, and seconded by Paul Malone, 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 Member Jack Mitchell

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

Bruce M. Mitton was presented with this year's award. To read about his contributions to Barre Town 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 what a great guy Mr. Mitton is, his various escapades at Bulk Trash, involvement with various service clubs, and the East Barre Fire District. Mr. Mitton was presented a plaque and framed resolution.

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

Resident Paul McGinley spoke to rising costs which include the printing of the budget booklet and public safety expenses. He also noted it was nice to receive the Town Report prior to the budget vote but still wishes it would come sooner. Selectboard Chair White stated the Board is working hard to make this happen.

**ADJOURN**

*On a motion by Paul Malone, seconded by Paul White, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.*

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