

**WASHINGTON -2**  
**BARRE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETINGS**  
**January 31, 2017**

The duly warned Annual Barre Town Australian Ballot Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at the Barre Town Gymnasium, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. The Board of Civil authority met on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 to update the checklist.

**POSTING CERTIFICATION**

All advertising, postings, and meetings were administered in accordance with VSA Title 17 and the Town of Barre Charter Sections 3a and 6c. Advertising was through the Times Argus Newspaper and postings locations included: Hannaford's Market, Trow Hill Grocery, Graniteville General Store, Lawson's Store, the Barre Town Municipal Building, and the Town website.

**Election Day**

The following individuals worked at the polls on January 31, 2017: Presiding Officer Donna J. Kelty, Sheila Walther, R. Lee Walther, Pearl Bugbee, William Bugbee, Virginia Poplawski, Christopher Violette, Jay Perkins, Edward Paquin, Phil Kolling, Shirley Rivard, Bonnie George, Ruth Ziske, John Ziske, Val Vallerand, Caroline Pellon, Linda Bongiolatti, and Jeanne Daniele.

Presiding Officer Donna Kelty declared the polls open at 7:00 a.m. The polls were declared closed at 7:00 p.m. Ballots were tabulated using the Accuvote Optic Scan machine.

The checklist began with 5,885 voters listed. Throughout the day the following additions as a result of same day voter registration were made.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Add-Delete-Change</b>
Laramie, Jonathan P.	Already on - not counted
Estes, Courtney	Add
Epstein, Steven	Add
Dessureau, Amber S.	Add
Dessureau, Philip A.	Add
Kreitz, Kirk D.	Add
Drinkwine, John F.	Add
Avery, Darlene M.	Add

**STATISCAL INFORMATION**

For the Barre Town School District Meeting 795 voters returned early ballots of which 59 were defective. At the end of the day paper ballots cast totaled 1,641. The final checklist has 5,893 registered voters. Voter turnout was 28.84%

This was the first election for Barre Town since the recent enactment of the "same day voter registration." There were 7 additions of which at least 5 would have been added under the old law (using a deadline to register for the checklist).

During the counting of early ballots, the Town Clerk contacted the Secretary of State regarding the use of a Power of Attorney signature. The decision is that no "power of attorney" is acceptable without the voter signature or "X". The ballot was considered defective and not counted.

With the weather a little on the icy side the Department of Public Works was called to sand the exit area of the polling place.

**January 31, 2017 General Election & Barre Town Special Election continued:**

Many residents throughout the day kept raising concerns over the issue of a re-vote on a question that defeated in November 2016. The Clerk reiterated state law allowing for a petition for revote and therefore in accordance held the election.

Another concern was holding elections at the school when they were about the school and the feeling this was a conflict of interest. The Clerk explained the pickings were slim to none when trying to find a place to accommodate the various polling place needs (parking, handicap access, internet access, and traffic/pedestrian safety). This did raise discussion with some of the BCA which were present and is an item which should be researched this summer.

**SPECIAL BARRE TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING**

**Article 1.** Shall the Barre Town School District, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed union school district, join with the Barre City School District, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed union school district, for the purpose of forming a union school district to be named the Barre Unified Union School District, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements:

- **Grades.** The Barre Unified Union School District shall operate and manage schools offering instruction in grades Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12.
- **Board of School Directors.** A member town's representation on the School Board of the Barre School District will be closely proportional to the fraction that its population bears to the aggregate population of the Unified District. Initial fixed composition is based upon the most recent Federal Census (2010), and shall be recalculated promptly following the release of each subsequent decennial census. However, at no time will a member town have less than one school director on the District Board. Subject to the previous sentence, each proportionality calculation shall be rounded to the nearest whole number.
- **Assumption of debts and ownership of school property.** The Barre Unified Union School District shall assume the indebtedness of member districts, acquire the school properties of member districts, and pay for them, all as specified in the final report.

Final Report. The provisions of the final report proposed to the State Board of Education for approval on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016, which is on file in the town clerk's office, shall govern the Barre Unified Union School District. Upon approval of the Barre Unified Union School District, Article 1 of the final report, including all subsections, can only be changed by a majority vote of the Barre Unified Union School District. Articles 2 through 15 of the final report can be changed by a majority vote of the School Board of the Barre Unified Union School District?

	TOTAL
Yes	482
No	1159
Spoiled	0
Blank	<u>0</u>
Total	1641

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

ELECTION OATHS

BARRE TOWN WASHINGTON -2-  
 Barre Town School District Revote  
 January 31, 2017

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.

PRINTED NAME OF ELECTION WORKER	SIGNATURE
Jeanne Daniele	<i>Jeanne Daniele</i>
Bonnie George	<i>Bonnie L. George</i>
Caroline Pellon	<i>Caroline Pellon</i>
John Ziske	<i>John Ziske</i>
Ruth Ziske	<i>Ruth Ziske</i>
Linda Bongiolatti	<i>Linda Bongiolatti</i>
Shirley Rivard	<i>Shirley Rivard</i>
Val Vallerand	<i>Val Vallerand</i>

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Printed Name of Justice of Peace	Signature
Donna J. Kelty, Presiding Officer	<i>Donna J. Kelty</i>
Virginia Poplawski	<i>Virginia Poplawski</i>
R. Lee Walther	<i>R. Lee Walther</i>
Pearl Bugbee	<i>Pearl Bugbee</i>
William Bugbee	<i>William Bugbee</i>
Philip Kolling	<i>Philip Kolling</i>
Ed Paquin	<i>Ed Paquin</i>
Jay Perkins	<i>Jay Perkins</i>
Christopher Violette	<i>Chris Violette</i>
R. Lee Walther	<i>R. Lee Walther</i>
Sheila Walther	<i>SM Walther</i>