



## TOWN OF BARRE NON-PARTISAN CAUCUS

Monday, March 17, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

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### AGENDA

1. Call to order.....7:00 p.m.
2. Welcome by Terry Reil, Republicans Committee
3. Appoint Moderator and Recording Clerk for the meeting
4. Nominations for Town Officers:
  - A. Selectboard 3-year term (Justin Bolduc - Incumbent)
  - B. Selectboard 2-year term (Mike Gilbar - Incumbent)
  - C. Moderator 1-year term (Tom Koch - Incumbent)
6. Discuss the future of Non-Partisan Caucus
7. Other Business
8. Adjourn

*Petitions & Consent of Candidate forms are due to the Town Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2025.*

### MINUTES

The duly warned meeting of the Town of Barre Non-Partisan Caucus was held on Monday, March 17, 2025 at the Barre Town Municipal Building, Selectboard Room, in Lower Websterville at 7:00 p.m.

**Those in attendance:** Town Clerk Tina Lunt, Republican Chair Terry Reil, Democratic Chair Emily Wheeler Reynolds, Nancy Leclerc, Dean Preston, Catherine Whalen, Norma Malone, Cedric Sanborn, Francis McFaun, Paul Malone, Justin Bolduc, Tom Koch, Donald Koch, Michael Gilbar, Carol Hebert, Randy Treis, Stacey Lynds, Dan Morrison, Rachel Van Vliet, Benjamin Goldstein, Sarah Hill, Daniel McGibney, Melissa Battah, Caitlin Janus, Jeff Lourie, Gina Galfetti, Jackie Wheeler, Sandra Batchelder, Rita Isabelle, Barbara Borowske, Alyssa Eiklor, Rob Borowske, David Batchelder, Shadi Battah, Ed Paquin, Dave Freeman, Adam Kay, Ginette Harvey, Robert Harvey, Laura Ireland, Cassie Bell, Becca Simon, Lane Simon, Chris Parker, Jeremiah Breer, and Grace Breer.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Republican Committee Terry Reil called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

#### **APPOINT MODERATOR AND RECORDING CLERK FOR THE MEETING:**

*On a motion by Dean Preston, Thomas Koch was nominated for Moderator for the Town of Barre Non-Partisan Caucus meeting.*

With no other candidates, the nominations were closed. By unanimous consensus, Thomas Koch was appointed Moderator

*On a motion by Terry Reil, Tina Lunt was nominated for Recording Clerk for the Town of Barre Non-Partisan Caucus meeting.*

With no other candidates the nominations were closed. By unanimous consensus Tina Lunt was appointed Recording Clerk for the March 17, 2025 Town of Barre Non-Partisan Caucus.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Moderator Tom Koch informed those present that the purpose of this meeting is to ensure there is at least one candidate for each municipal office. This Barre Town tradition and the nominations have no legal standing. Moderator Koch noted that Petitions and Consent of Candidate forms are due to the Town Clerk's Office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2025.

## **NOMINATIONS FOR TOWN OFFICERS:**

Selectboard 3-year term:

***On a motion by Paul Malone, Justin Bolduc was nominated for Selectboard 3-year term.***

***On a motion by Melissa Battah, Adam Kay was nominated for Selectboard 3-year term.***

With no other candidates, the nominations were closed. Paper ballots were passed out to determine the winner of the Selectboard 3-year term non-partisan caucus nomination.

Moderator Koch declared Adam Kay the winner of the Selectboard 3-year term non-partisan caucus nomination.

Selectboard 2-year term:

***On a motion by Francis McFaun, David Soucy was nominated for Selectboard 2-year term.***

***On a motion by Caitlin Janus, Shadi Battah was nominated for Selectboard 2-year term.***

With no other candidates, the nominations were closed. Paper ballots were passed out to determine the winner of the Selectboard 2-year term non-partisan caucus nomination.

Moderator Koch declared Shadi Battah the winner of the Selectboard 2-year term non-partisan caucus nomination.

Moderator 1-year term:

***On a motion by Dean Preston, Thomas Koch was nominated for Moderator 1-year term.***

With no other candidates, the nominations were closed, and Moderator Koch declared Thomas Koch the winner of the Moderator 1-year term non-partisan caucus nomination.

## **DISCUSS THE FUTURE OF NON-PARTISAN CAUCUS:**

Traditionally, Barre Town holds a Town Caucus meeting to ensure there is at least one candidate for each municipal office, such as Selectboard, Moderator, and Town Clerk. All voters are invited to attend.

Members of each political party gather to nominate candidates for the elected offices. It is important to note that this is not an election, and the decisions made at the Town Caucus are nonbinding. The purpose of the caucus is simply to ensure that candidates are available for each municipal position.

This item has been added to the agenda to gauge the desire or need to continue this tradition.

Discussion:

***On a motion by Terry Reil, seconded by Mike Gilbar, those present voted to discontinue the non-partisan caucus moving forward.***

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURN:**

***On a motion by Paul Malone, seconded by Mike Gilbar, the Caucus voted to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted by Tina Lunt, Town Clerk