



TOWN OF BARRE ANNUAL ELECTION

MAY 10, 2022

The duly warned Annual Barre Town Australian ballot Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at Barre Town Middle and Elementary School Gymnasium, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. All ballots and checklist were posted in accordance with VSA Title 17.

ELECTION DAY:

The following individuals worked at the polls on May 10, 2022, 2022: Tina Lunt (Presiding Officer), Donna J. Kelty, Pearl Bugbee, William Bugbee, R. Lee Walter Sheila Walther, Virginia Poplawski, Shirley Rivard, Andrea Blanchard, Linda Bongiolatti, Sandi Kirkland, Tom Koch, Lori Cohen, Charles “Chip” Castle.

OPENING OF THE POLLS:

Presiding Officer Tina Lunt declared the polls open at 7:00 a.m. and declared the polls closed at 7:00 p.m.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION:

The ballots were counted using the Accuvote Optic Scan machine. The total number of voters on the checklist after the additions is 6213. There were 0 same day voter registration. A total of 850 ballots were casted (13.6% turnout) with 766 of those being early ballots. There were also 2 defective ballots.

ELECTION RESULTS:

ARTICLE 1 – To elect all necessary officers for the Town of Barre for the ensuing term commencing May 11, 2022.

Selectboard: 3-Year Term	Total Votes
Justin Bolduc	745
Write-Ins	6
Overvoted	1
Blank	<u>95</u>
Total	850

Selectboard: 2-Year Term	Total Votes
Paul White	750
Write-Ins	7
Overvoted	3
Blank	<u>90</u>
Total	850

Moderator: 1-Year Term	Total Votes
Thomas F. “Tom” Koch	754
Write-Ins	4
Overvoted	4
Blank	<u>88</u>
Total	850

Auditor: 1-Year Term	Total Votes
Jeffrey A. Blow	727
Write-Ins	10
Overvoted	4
Blank	<u>109</u>
Total	850

Constable: 1-Year Term	Total Votes
David F. Freeman	753
Write-Ins	2
Overvoted	3
Blank	<u>92</u>
Total	850

ARTICLE 2 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize \$4,382,081 to operate the General Government of the Town of Barre during the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022?

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	697
No	141
Overvote	4
Undervote	<u>8</u>
Total	850

ARTICLE 3 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize \$36,225 from the General Fund towards the operation of the Town cemeteries during the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022; said sum to be added to the General Fund authorizations under Article 2 above?

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	754
No	86
Overvote	3
Undervote	<u>7</u>
Total	850

ARTICLE 4- Shall the Town of Barre authorize \$3,372,855 for construction and maintenance of the Town highway and bridges during the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022?

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	758
No	84
Overvote	3
Undervote	<u>5</u>
Total	850

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

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	708
No	133
Overvote	3
Undervote	<u>6</u>
Total	850

ARTICLE 6 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$6,000 to Central Vermont Council of Aging?

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	667
No	167
Overvote	4
Undervote	<u>12</u>
Total	850

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

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	656
No	175
Overvote	3
Undervote	<u>16</u>
Total	850

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

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	672
No	166
Overvote	3
Undervote	<u>9</u>
Total	850

ARTICLE 9 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$2,000 to People’s Health & Wellness Clinic?

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	640
No	200
Overvote	3
Undervote	<u>7</u>
Total	850

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

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	621
No	211
Overvote	3
Undervote	<u>15</u>
Total	850

ARTICLE 11 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$4,000 to the Barre Heritage Festival?

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	485
No	341
Overvote	3
Undervote	<u>21</u>
Total	850

ARTICLE 12 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$1,500 to the Family Center of Washington County?

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	595
No	233
Overvote	3
Undervote	<u>19</u>
Total	850

ARTICLE 13 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$7,500 to the Barre Area Senior Center?

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	630
No	204
Overvote	3
Undervote	<u>13</u>
Total	850

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

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	570
No	265
Overvote	3
Undervote	<u>12</u>
Total	850

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

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	605
No	227
Overvote	3
Undervote	<u>15</u>
Total	850

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

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	610
No	214
Overvote	4
Undervote	<u>14</u>
Total	850

ARTICLE 17 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$2,500 to the Washington Country Diversion Program?

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	555
No	268
Overvote	4
Undervote	<u>23</u>
Total	850

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

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	689
No	145
Overvote	4
Undervote	<u>12</u>
Total	850

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

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	610
No	218
Overvote	3
Undervote	<u>19</u>
Total	850

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

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	582
No	251
Overvote	3
Undervote	<u>14</u>
Total	850

ARTICLE 21 - Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$500 to Good Beginnings of Central Vermont?

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	532
No	291
Overvote	3
Undervote	<u>24</u>
Total	850

ARTICLE 22 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$2,500 to Downstreet Housing & Community Development?

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	488
No	325
Overvote	3
Undervote	<u>34</u>
Total	850

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

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	482
No	332
Overvote	3
Undervote	<u>33</u>
Total	850

ARTICLE 24 – Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$5,000 to Washington County Mental Health?

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	595
No	213
Overvote	3
Undervote	<u>39</u>
Total	850

ARTICLE 25 – Shall the Town of Barre amend the Barre Town Charter to make the constable position an appointed officer as follows (underlined language would be added and [~~bracketed~~] language would be deleted):

Section 10 – Elected Officers; General

(a) The following officers shall be elected by the legal voters of the Town of Barre and voting for all such officers shall be by Australian ballot:

- (1) Five (5) Selectboard Members
- (2) Three (3) Listers
- (3) Three (3) Auditors
- ~~[(4) One (1) Constable]~~
- (5) One (1) Clerk
- (6) One (1) Moderator

~~[Section 15 – Constable~~

~~A Constable shall be elected to serve for a term of one year. He or she shall have all the powers and duties prescribed for constables under the laws of Vermont, except as provided in this charter.]~~

Section 38 – Appointed officers

(a) The Selectboard, by majority vote, shall appoint the following Town officers for the term indicated:

(7) A constable, for a term of one (1) year. He or she shall have all the powers and duties described for constables under the law of Vermont, except as provided in this Charter. The Selectboard may prohibit the constable from exercising any law enforcement authority, or may condition the exercise of such authority upon the constable being certified to exercise that level of authority under 20 V.S.A. §2358.

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	659
No	157
Overvote	3
Undervote	<u>31</u>
Total	850

ARTICLE 26 – Shall the Town of Barre amend the Barre Town Charter regarding the lister position as follows, to update the Charter following the change in 2020 from elected listers to an appointed Assessor (underlined language would be added and [~~bracketed~~] language would be deleted):

Section 10 – Elected Officers; General

(a) The following officers shall be elected by the legal voters of the Town of Barre and voting for all such officers shall be by Australian ballot:

(1) Five (5) Selectboard Members

~~[(2) Three (3) Listers]~~

~~[Section 13 – Board of Listers~~

~~(a) The Board of Listers shall consist of three listers, one elected each year for a term of three years. The Board shall have the same powers and duties prescribed for listers under the laws of the State of Vermont.~~

~~(b) The Board shall annually review, or cause to be reviewed, its appraisals of all property in the Town that is subject to taxation. The property shall be appraised in accordance with standards established by the laws of the State.~~

~~(c) If the Town shall vote to replace the Board of Listers with a single assessor in the manner provided in subsection 10(b) of this charter, then the assessor shall perform all of the duties and have all of the powers prescribed for listers under the laws of Vermont.]~~

Section 38 – Appointed officers

(a) The Selectboard, by majority vote, shall appoint the following Town officers for the term indicated:

(5) An Assessor, who may be hired or contracted upon such terms as the Selectboard shall deem reasonable. The Assessor shall perform all of the duties and have all of the powers prescribed for listers under the laws of Vermont.

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	667
No	153
Overvote	4
Undervote	<u>26</u>
Total	850

ARTICLE 27 – Shall the Town of Barre establish wages and earnings for the following Town officers as listed below:

- a) Auditors \$13.00 per hour
- b) Moderator \$75.00 per year
- c) Selectboard Members (each) \$2,000 per year

Voted Item	Total Votes
Yes	745
No	93
Overvote	3
Undervote	<u>9</u>
Total	850

These are the minutes as taken by Tina Lunt, Town Clerk. Dated May 10, 2022.