

**TOWN OF BARRE
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING
May 3, 2017**

AGENDA

1. Call to order 6:30 p.m.
2. Changes to the agenda
3. Approve minutes of March 1, 2017
4. Review the list of additions and deletions made by the Town Clerk for the period March 1st through May 3, 2016.
5. Appoint JPs to carry sick ballots for May 9, 2017.
6. Update BCA contact information list.
7. Discuss possible policy for the process of early ballots - reconsideration versus revote.
8. Committee Assignments
9. Other Business:
 - A. May 9, 2017 is Annual Town election and SUHS budget revote. Let the Town Clerk know when you can work.
 - B. Abatement meeting scheduled for June 7, 2017. Bring your personal calendars so an annual schedule can be set.
 - C. Assessor Card training. Do it with the first tax grievance hearing or have a special meeting for this?
 - D. Status of updated Justice of the Peace Handbook published by the SOS office.
 - E. Any other business to come before the Board
10. Adjourn

MINUTES

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Board of Civil Authority was held at the Municipal Building, Selectboard meeting room, in Lower Websterville on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, 6:30 p.m. for reviewing the Barre Town Checklist to be used at the May 3, 2017 Barre Town Open Meeting and the May 9, 2017 Barre Town Australian Ballot voting and Spaulding Union High School Special Meeting.

The following members were in attendance: Chair Paul Malone, Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, Pearl Bugbee, William Bugbee, Charles Castle, Jeanne Daniele, Tracy Delude, J. Guy Isabelle, JP Isabelle, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Paul White, Tom White, Christopher Violette, R. Lee Walther, and Sheila Walther.

Those members not present included: Robert LaClair, Jay Perkins, Virginia Poplawski, and Rolland Tessier.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting to order at 6:30 a.m.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by Mitchell, seconded by William Bugbee, the BCA approved the agenda with the correction of changing the year from 2016 to 2017.

MINUTE APPROVAL

On a motion by Charles Castle, seconded by William Bugbee, the Board of Civil Authority voted to approve the Board of Abatement Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2017 by correcting the last name of Lee and Sheila from White to Walther on Page 3 only.

**BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING OF May 3, 2017 continued:
CHANGES TO THE CHECKLIST**

In accordance with VSA Title 17, Chapter 43, Section 2144 (b) the Town Clerk has added 129 applications to the checklist AND made 13 deletions to the checklist for the period March 9, 2017 through May 2, 2017.

Abare, Bernadette J.	Aiken, Timothy L.	Avery, Jodi R.
Baker, Austin L	Baril, Jennifer M.	Barney, Gregg A.
Barrows, James W.	Beaudin, Louise M.	Beaudry, Brittany L.
Benoit, Nichole M.	Berry, Randy G.	Bigelow, Virginia
Black, Jerusalem	Boardman, Stephanie M.	Brantley, Brandon K.
Brier, Robert C.	Brodie, Shannon L.	Cameron, Jr., Ralph F.
Campbell, Heidi	Campos, Alayna L.	Cary, Desiree L.
Celia, Diana M.	Christeas, Elias D.	Clark, Rebecca Lynn
Cooley, Spencer R.	Copping, Devin M.	Crawford, Lindsay B.
Currier, Brianna N.	Davis, Jordan P.	Davison, Kenneth M.
Davy, Kyle V.	Decato, Tenisha M.	Demers, Karen M.
Diego, Timothy J.	Dodge, Christopher E.	Dow, Shawn M.
Ellis, Virginia R.	Emmons, Chad E.	Ferry, Cameron D.
Fowler, Madelyn G.	Fraga, Augustus	Fraga, Moriah
Franks, Sondra L.	Furniss, Sheila	Gauthier, Deborah Anne
Gauthier Jr., Wilfred John	Gero, Penny L.	Giroux, Elsie Joyce
Gonyaw, James A.	Goslant, Rochelle L.	Goulet, Elaine S.
Grubb, Evan B.	Hall, Alexander A.	Hanson, Hollison A.
Hayford, Hannah L.	Hebert, Michele L.	Helman, Charles S.
Holland, Daniel Patrick	Holland, Justin W.	Holmes, William A.
Hosking, Shana M.	Hunt, Casey A.	Hunt, Frederick O.
Johnson, Paul C.	Jones, Nathan C.	Jurentkuff, Dawn L.
Kempton, Tammy L.	LaCasse, Dominick A.	Ladabouche, Caitlin
Laflamme, Danielle c.	Lajeunesse, Maisie R.	LaPrade, Amy L.
Larochelle, Janet Lee	Lavigne, Norma R.	LeClair, Roger Joseph
Leclerc, Ryan B.	Ledbetter Jr., John F.	Ledoux, Norman Y.
Lee, Rebecca M.	Lewis, Angel M.	Longchamp, Louise Agnes
Marineau, Kristina M.	Mason, Damian C.	Matthews, Benjamin E.
Matthews, Kathleen D.	Maurice, Jocelyn Marie	Maynard, Emily R.
McAvoy, Andrew	McNary, Brendan D.	Merchant, Keith A.
Miller, Gregory L.	Montgomery, Kristen	Moore, Andrew J.
Morton, Isabella P.	Neddo, Austin J.	Newton, Courtney M.
Nyquist, Emilie S.	Oriordan, Skylar D.	Quellette, Savanna M.
Owen, Holly L.	Pepin, Philip S.	Perkins, Jeffrey A.
Perreault, Elizabeth A.	Poulin, Ellen Mary	Ranew, Michael J.
Raper, Kevin A.	Renaud, Timothy J.	Richardson, Renee Webster
Rielly, Annie M.	Roberts, Joanne T.	Roy, Pierrette L.
Safford, Mason James	Sayers Jr. Neil J.	Shangraw, Gary Arthur
Simmers, Lauren R.	Sinclair, Peter M.	St. John Linda Marie
Sweeney, Joseph T.	Tarbox, Brian	Thiverge, Buffy L.
Wade, Justin L.	Wallin, Matthew P.	Welsh, Daniel J.
Westcom-Gokey, Noah J.	White, Nicholas B.	Wilcox, Mitchell
Wilkin, Chantel K.	Withers, Roland W.	Wood, Aria P.

**BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING OF May 3, 2017 continued:
 DELETIONS BY REASON OF DEATH, PURGE, DUPLICATION, APPLICATION**

Atkins, Alfred W.	Bancroft, Ernest Sr.	Baril, Paul H.
Bessette, Douglas K.	Couillard, Willard	Fraser, Albert W.
Hislop, Ellden E.	Smedy, Dayle A.	Warner, Kathleen A.
Wilkin, Ronald	Hathaway, Cheyenne	Hommel, Jeanne L.
Kaltz, Dieter H.		

APPOINT JPs TO CARRY SICK BALLOTS

The consensus of those present is to appoint Pearl Bugbee and Ginny Poplawski to carry sick ballots on May 9, 2017 and appoint Lee Walther and William Bugbee as alternates.

BCA CONTACT INFORMATION

A contact information list (very outdated) was distributed. Please contact the Town Clerk with your correct information noting anything that should not be publicized on the website.

POLICY FOR MAILING EARLY BALLOTS

In early December the Town Clerk received a petition for reconsideration (another vote on the same exact question). With the original vote taking place in November there were over 1200 who were mailed early ballots. The Town Clerk contacted the Secretary of State's office to ask if the question "Since this is a reconsideration vote (not revote) is the Town required by law to send early ballots to all those who requested in the original vote." The answer - the law is silent and it is whatever the Town wants.

Given the short period of time between receiving the petition for reconsideration and the next vote, additional requirements to call a special BCA meeting, the Town Clerk decided to proceed with the mailing to all who had requested in November. The decision was based on the lack of time for a special BCA meeting, the question (school merger) had been a hot topic, and many of the voters were wintering elsewhere and without the mailing would be unaware of the revote.

This item was placed on the ballot for discussion but may not be necessary as there is pending legislation to address this very issue. Many of the pros and cons for mailing were discussed but ultimately the BCA agreed to postpone further discussion until we know what the outcome of the election bill is.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

BCA members were asked to review the committee list and provide updates as needed. Also, be thinking about which committee you would like to work on. The Town Clerk reminded the JPs that in the event she is not available on election day that one of them would become the Presiding Officer, thus the need to be informed on the election process.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair made the following announcements:

- ✓ May 9, 2017 election day - let Clerk know when you can work.
- ✓ The next meeting will be for abatement on June 7, 2017, 6:30 p.m. Bring your calendars as we will be setting new meeting schedule.
- ✓ Assessor Card training, after discussion will be June 7, 2017 following the abatement hearing, provided the Assessor is available.
- ✓ The new Secretary of State Guidebook for Justices of the Peace is not ready. JP Isabelle hopes it will be available by our June meeting.

**BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING OF May 3, 2017 continued:
ADJOURN**

On a motion by JP Isabelle, seconded by Tom White, the Board of Civil Authority voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes as taken by Town Clerk-Treasurer, Donna J. Kelty

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