

TOWN OF BARRE
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING
May 7, 2014 - Amended

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 7, 2014, 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of updating the Barre Town Checklist for the May 13, 2014 Annual Election of Officers and Australian Ballot Voting.

The following members were in attendance: Town Clerk-Treasurer Donna J. Kelty, Jeff Blow, Gordon Booth, J. Guy Isabelle, JP Isabelle, Jay Perkins (Acting Chair), Tom White, Robert LaClair, Rolland Tessier, Sheila Walther, and R. Lee Walther.

CALL TO ORDER - The meeting to order at 6:33 a.m.

CHANGES TO THE CHECKLIST

In accordance with VSA Title 17, Chapter 43, Section 2144 (b) the Town Clerk has added 35 applications to the checklist for the period February 26, 2014 through May 7, 2014.

Abare, Eric Ryan	Beck, Celina R.	Beck, Norma D.
Best, Chadwick J.	Booth, Kyle N.	Campbell, Gay T.
Crease, Albert E. III	Crete, Donald E.	Croteau, Seth A.
Edson, Shawn E.	Goodrich, Helen	Harvey, Analei
Heath, Todd A.	Jenkins, Shelby L.	Kesson, Kathleen R.
Kulman, Jody A.	Lamberton, Trevor C.	Lourie, Emily M.
Lussier-Babin, Karin L.	Magnan, Curtis C.	Mulcahy, Rey P.
Neddo, Ashely M.	O'Hara, Matthew T.	Prescott, Anna J.
Richard, Patrick R. Jr.	Rouleau, Rachel J.	Runk, Heather M.
Smedy, Dayle A.	Smith, Devin J.	Smith, Rebecca L.
Spear, Peter H.	Spears, Elizabeth L.	Wells, Karen Marie
Ziske, John S.	Ziske, Ruth	

On a motion by JP Isabelle, seconded by Booth, the Board of Civil Authority voted unanimously to delete the following 37 names due to death, duplicate records, by applicant, and purge request.

Baldwin, Charles M.	Bashaw, Brenda E.	Belding, Kristin L.
Belding, Ralph M.	Boutin, Laurent A.	Carmichael, Fredric H.
Conklin, Frances L.	Dalton, Donna M.	Dalton, James E.
Farr, Edward C.	Frattini, Louis	French, Pamela R.
Haines, Karen M.	Hedges, Melvin E.	Hemond, Meghan L.
Houle, Lillian T.	LaCroix, Raymond M.	Lamberti, Kay N.
Lavin, Eleanor	Machell, Barbara C.	Mackenzie, John A.
Martineau, Karine F.	Mugford, Don G.	Neifert, Lester I
Newland, Francis A.	Owen, Conrad	Poitras, Jerrold Allen
Procopio, Sarah J. L.	Putney, Ronald S.	Raymond, Robert James,
Roberts, Virginia T.	Scandalito, Hazel M.	Sweeney, Craig S.
Roberts, Kendall Sr.	Tomasini, Donna	Wheeler, Bradley A.
Willard, MaryEllen		

APPOINT JPs TO CARRY SICK BALLOTS

The consensus of those present is to appoint Robert LaClair and William Bugbee to carry sick ballots on May 13, 2014 and appoint Lee Walther and Pearl Bugbee as alternates.

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING OF May 7, 2014 continued:

DISCUSS DRAFT ABATEMENT HEARING & CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

Lee Walther & JP Isabelle provided a draft for an Abatement Hearing & Code of Conduct Policy. There was lengthy discussion over the BOA requiring oaths. Isabelle feels while the laws governing BOA hearings is silent on requiring appellants to take an oath the voters would have to approve an article to "legally" allow us to require an oath be taken (through the Municipal Procedures Act). A proposed alternative to the oath is to place an attest statement on the application. This proposal led to what is the legal weight of an attest statement versus an oath. There were some minor revisions.

On a motion by Lee Walther, seconded by Rob LaClair, the Board of Abatement voted unanimously to continue this discussion at the June 25, 2014 Board of Abatement meeting and to direct the Town Clerk to speak with the Town Attorney regarding "attest" versus an oath definition.

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. The Town Clerk noted the next meeting will be June 25th for a Board of Abatement Meeting. Bring your calendars so we can set meeting dates for the next year.
- B. Sometime in late July or early August (depending on the Assessor's Grievance timeline) the first Tax Grievance Hearing will be held.
- C. The next checklist update meeting will be held on Wednesday or Thursday, August 20th or 21st for the Primary Election.
- D. Justice of the Peace nominations - Independent candidate deadline to file is June 12th. Party nominations can file a Certificate of Nomination can be filed with the Town Clerk by August 29th (3 days after the Primary). JPs will be voted on in the General Election (November 2014) but will not take office until February 1, 2015. The term is 2 years.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Jeff Blow, seconded by Tom White, the Board of Civil Authority voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

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