

TOWN OF BARRE ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BUDGETS

May 11, 2010

The duly warned Annual Barre Town Australian Ballot Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at the Barre Town Gymnasium, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. The Board of Civil authority met on Thursday, May 5, 2010 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 May 11, 2010: Donna J. Kelty, Robert Harvey, Richard Jensen, Irene Haskell, Roland Fournier, Doris Fournier, William Bugbee, Pearl Bugbee, Caroline Pellon, Marsha Maurais, Peggy Henry, Jeanne Daniele, Diane Badger, Paul Badger, Artie Charbonneau, Abby Wolfe, Gordon Booth, and Darrel Maurais.

Presiding Officer Donna Kelty declared the polls open at 7:00 a.m. There were no incidents to report. The polls were declared closed at 7:00 p.m.

The Town Meeting ballots were counted using the Accuvote Optic Scan machine.

There were 5,744 voters on the checklist, 1070 ballots cast (18.6 % voter turnout) with 112 early ballots cast. Two early ballots were spoiled due to lack of signature.

Additions to the checklist included: Elaine Wang (received application on deadline day, entered to checklist, but did not appear on the list), Bernard Roy (been on checklist for many years but did not appear on the printout, Karen Lynn Safford - removed due to DMV notice - but did not move from town, DMV - Nishan Grout, and through School Nicholas R. Bullock.

ELECTION RESULTS

Article I. To elect all necessary officers for the Town of Barre for the ensuing term commencing May 12, 2010.

Selectboard

CANDIDATE- 3 year	TOTAL
Jeffrey Blow	863
Write-Ins	129
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>76</u>
Total	1070

CANDIDATE- 2 year	TOTAL
Matthew Cetin	92
Marion Fish	403
W. John "Jack" Mitchell	491
Write-Ins	33
Spoiled	7
Blank	<u>44</u>
Total	1070

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Constable

CANDIDATE- 3 year	TOTAL
Edwards, Robert E.	958
Write-ins	8
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>102</u>
Total	1070

Moderator

CANDIDATE- 3 year	TOTAL
Koch, Thomas F. "Tom"	978
Write-ins	6
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>84</u>
Total	1070

Auditor

CANDIDATE- 3 year	TOTAL
Melissa Brown	967
Write-ins	3
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>98</u>
Total	1070

Article 2. Shall the Town of Barre authorize \$2,904,581 to operate the General Government of the Town of Barre during the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2010?

YES	792
NO	247
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>29</u>
Total	1070

Article 3. Shall the Town of Barre authorize \$28,455 from the General Fund towards the operation of the Town cemeteries during the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2010, said sum to be added to the General Fund authorizations under Article 2 above.

YES	875
NO	172
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>21</u>
Total	1070

Article 4. Shall the Town of Barre authorize \$2,517,020 for construction and maintenance of the Town highways and bridges during the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2010?

YES	898
NO	156
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>14</u>
Total	1070

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Article 5. Shall the Town of Barre Town authorize expenditure of \$15,000 to Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice, Inc.?

YES	867
NO	192
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>9</u>
Total	1070

Article 6. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$5,500 to Project Independence?

YES	690
NO	350
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>28</u>
Total	1070

Article 7. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$6,000 to Central Vermont Agency on Aging?

YES	762
NO	282
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>24</u>
Total	1070

Article 8. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$1,000 to Retired Volunteer Program for Central Vermont?

YES	771
NO	268
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>29</u>
Total	1070

Article 9. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$2,000 to Battered Women's Services & Shelter Inc.?

YES	772
NO	274
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>22</u>
Total	1070

Article 10. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$1,500 to People's Health & Wellness Clinic?

YES	727
NO	313
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>28</u>
Total	1070

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Article 11. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$2,900 to Central Vermont Adult Basic Education?

YES	646
NO	395
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>27</u>
Total	1070

Article 12. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$2,000 to Barre Homecoming Days?

YES	631
NO	413
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>24</u>
Total	1070

Article 13. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$1,500 to the Family Center of Washington County's playgroup, parent education, and family support activities serving Barre Town?

YES	656
NO	386
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>26</u>
Total	1070

Article 14. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$5,000 to Barre Senior Center?

YES	708
NO	324
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>36</u>
Total	1070

Article 15. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$1,000 to Central Vermont Community Action Council?

YES	603
NO	432
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>33</u>
Total	1070

Article 16. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$500 to the Washington County Youth Service Bureau?

YES	705
NO	338
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>25</u>
Total	1070

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Article 17. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$350 to the Sexual Assault Crisis Team of Washington County?

YES	768
NO	274
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>26</u>
Total	1070

Article 18. Shall the Town of Barre authorize expenditure of \$300 to the Friends of the Winooski River?

YES	457
NO	567
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>44</u>
Total	1070

Article 19. Shall the Town of Barre amend Section 2 of the Barre Town Charter as follows (underlined language would be added and [~~bracketed~~] language would be deleted):

Section 2 Meetings and Elections

(a) The second Tuesday in May shall be the date for the annual election of town officers and for voting upon all questions to be decided by Australian ballot. Polls shall be open no less than nine (9) consecutive hours. The [~~selectmen~~] Selectboard may designate one (1) or more polling places within the town for voting and may provide for the use of any mechanical or computer type devices for voting or counting votes, consistent with requirements of law. The [~~Monday~~] Wednesday evening preceding the date for the annual election of the town officers, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at a place designated by the Barre Town [~~Selectmen~~] Selectboard, shall be the date of the Annual Meeting at which time there will be considered all non-Australian ballot matters. However, the voters at any annual election, may designate a different date, time or place for annual town elections.

YES	921
NO	98
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>49</u>
Total	1070

Article 20. Shall the Town of Barre amend Section 7 of the Barre Town Charter as follows (underlined language would be added and [~~bracketed~~] language would be deleted):

Section 7 Nomination of Candidates

Nominations of persons to fill town offices shall be by petition containing the signatures of at least thirty (30) signatures of voters or one (1) percent of the voters, whichever is less. Petitions shall be filed with the town clerk, together with a written assent signed by the nominee. Both petition and written assent shall be filed at least thirty (30) and not more than forty (40) days prior to the election. Petitions shall be filed with the town clerk, together with a written assent signed by the nominee. When a petition is presented to the town clerk for filing, [~~he~~] the town clerk shall immediately examine the same and ascertain whether it conforms to the provisions of this section. If not found in conformity, [~~he~~] the town clerk shall designate the defect in writing and return the petition, together with the written reason for rejection, within six (6) hours, to the candidate in whose behalf it was

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filed. Such petition may again be presented when properly amended if this can be done within the time allowed for filing such petition. All town elections shall be nonpartisan and no party designation or slogan shall be printed on any town ballot or petition.

YES	917
NO	98
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>53</u>
Total	1070

Article 21. Shall the Town of Barre amend Section 10 of the Barre Town Charter as follows(underlined language would be added and [~~bracketed~~] language would be deleted):

Section 10 Elected Officers; General

(c) Only a voter of the Town of Barre may seek election to or hold a town elective office, and no person may hold more than one (1) town elective office at the same time. No person shall hold offices which are defined as incompatible in Vermont Statutes?

YES	954
NO	63
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>51</u>
Total	1070

Article 22. Shall the town of Barre amend Section 12 of the Barre Town Charter as follows (underlined language would be added and [~~bracketed~~] language would be deleted):

Section 12 Auditors

Auditors shall be elected for terms of three (3) years, with one (1) elected each year. They shall be responsible for the proper financial accountability of the town, and for this purpose all town officers shall, within thirty (30) days after the close of the fiscal year, submit to the auditors such reports, records and materials as the auditors may require for the discharge of their duties. The auditors shall thereupon proceed to examine and adjust the accounts of all town officers and report their findings in writing, not later than [~~one hundred (100)~~] one hundred eighty-five (185) days after the close of the fiscal year. They shall cause their findings to be printed and made available to the voters. The auditors may employ the services of a certified public accountant at town expense, for such purposes as they shall deem proper. They shall also supervise the preparation, publication, and, within budgetary limitations, the distribution of the annual town report.

YES	871
NO	137
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>60</u>
Total	1070

Article 23. Shall the Town of Barre amend Section 28 of the Barre Town Charter as follows (underlined language would be added and [~~bracketed~~] language would be deleted):

Section 28 Budget Preparation

(a) At such time as may be prescribed by the [~~board of selectmen~~] Selectboard, the town manager shall propose a budget and submit a line itemized estimate of the income and expenditures required for the operation of the town government for the next ensuing fiscal year.

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(b) The [~~selectmen~~] Selectboard, with the committee of five (5), shall review and finalize the proposed town budget publicly and prepare it for [~~presentation~~] submission to the voters at the annual town meeting. Sufficient copies shall be available to the voters not less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting at the five (5) public places required by Section 3, and the warning shall state the availability of said proposed budget.

YES	926
NO	92
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>50</u>
Total	1070

Article 24. Shall the Town of Barre establish wages and earnings for the following Town officers as listed below?

- a) Auditors - \$10.00 per hour
- b) Moderator - \$75.00 per year
- c) Selectboard members (each) - \$2,000/year

YES	882
NO	161
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>25</u>
Total	1070

**BARRE TOWN MIDDLE AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
SPECIAL ELECTION**

Article 1. Shall the voters of Barre Town petition the Barre Town Elementary & Middle School Board of Barre Town, Washington County, Vermont to allow registered voters to vote to maintain the present two-wave busing system?

YES	757
NO	294
Spoiled	2
Blank	<u>17</u>
Total	1070

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

Donna J Kelty