

**TOWN OF BARRE
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING
May 2, 2018**

AGENDA

1. Call the meeting to order 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.
2. Changes to the agenda
3. Approve meeting minutes of February 28, 2018 (Checklist Update).
4. In accordance with State Statute the Town Clerk has added names to the checklist since February 28, 2018. A list of additions will be provided to the BCA and will be incorporated into the minutes. No action is required.
5. A list of deletions to the checklist since February 28, 2018 by reason of death, application, Challenge, DMV notification, voter registered in another Town, or duplicate record will be presented to the BCA and incorporated into the minutes. No action is required.
6. Appoint JPs to carry sick ballot for May 8, 2018 Annual Town election.
7. Discussion pm Victory Court case and voter checklist residency guidelines. See enclosures. (BCA members will receive a copy of the complete checklist at the meeting.)
8. Time permitting an update on Abatement-income/Expense form revisions.
9. Other Business:
 - A. If you have not already - BCA members let Sheila know if available to work May 8 election.
 - B. Updated BCA contact list (please put in your SOP binder).
 - C. New Accessible Voting System - training in July for use in August 2018 Primary Election - any interest?
 - D. BCA Election Training - dates not available - in July - any interest?
 - E. Chart of Incompatible Offices (please put in your SOP binder).
 - F. Next BCA meeting is June 6, 2018, 6:30 p.m. for abatement.
 - G. Other BCA business as needed
10. Adjourn

MEETING MINUTES

The duly warned meeting of the Barre Town Board of Civil Authority was advertised to be held at the Municipal Building, Selectboard meeting room, in Lower Websterville on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 6:00 p.m. for reviewing the Barre Town Checklist to be used at the May 8, 2018 Barre Town Annual Election of Officers and Voting by Australian Ballot.

The following members were in attendance: Paul Malone, Christopher Violette, Pearl Bugbee, William Bugbee, Charles Castle, Jeanne Daniele, J. Guy Isabelle, JP Isabelle, Ed Paquin, Jay Perkins, Virginia Poplawski Dotty Ricks, Paul White, Tom White, R. Lee Walther, and Sheila Walther.

Those members not present included: Donna J. Kelty, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Bob Nelson, and Rolland Tessier. Others present included Norma Malone and Michael Bielawski (Reporter).

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. and then again at 6:05 p.m. to allow for the setup of audio recording of the meeting. Town Clerk Kelty is unavailable to take minutes due to illness. Dotty Ricks volunteered to take some notes.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On a motion by Lee Walther, seconded by William Bugbee the agenda was approved and amended as follows:

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- Add Item 5A to discuss voters who should be challenged; and
- To strike Item 8 - As the income/expense statement is still a work in progress.

The motion passed. The following were not present for the vote: Donna J. Kelty, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Bob Nelson, and Rolland Tessier.

MINUTE APPROVAL

On a motion by Sheila Walther, seconded by JP Isabelle, the Board of Civil Authority voted to approve the Checklist Meeting Minutes of February 28, 2018 as presented. The following were not present for the vote: Donna J. Kelty, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Bob Nelson, and Rolland Tessier.

CHANGES TO THE CHECKLIST

In accordance with VSA Title 17, Chapter 43, Section 2144 (b) the Town Clerk has added 81 voters to the checklist and made 23 deletions to the checklist for the period February 28, 2018 through May 2, 2018. No action is required by the BCA but the names are being entered into the minutes as a matter of record.

ADDITIONS TO THE CHECKLIST

Amelia C. Abraham	Alison G. Ahearn	Jennifer A. Allen
Linda B. Aschnewitz	Neil Mark Aschnewitz	Eduard Begagayev
Brianna L. Belleville	Roman S. Bondarenko	Tayvia A. L. Booska
Kyle M. Brault	Jeffrey S. Cameron	Kimberly J. Cayer
Amy Beth Chadbourne	Sarah C. Chase	Lori A. Cohen
Michael J. Danko	Caitlyn E. Deserres	Allicon M. Diltz
J. Lovejoy Dole	Hannah J. Ely	Molly K. Evans
Noah J. Farlee	Katie R. Fleury	Eric Jules Friedman
Taylor Austin Gagne	Patrick C. Gilbert	Quade G. Gorton
Mitchel J. Greenslit	Maureen B. Hastings	Brianne A. Hebert
Holly A. Hemond	Donna L. Holden	Joshua P. Howard
Bruce Hutchins	Sulejman Ibrahimovic	Taylor Ann Isabelle
Debra S. Izor	Mark T. Izor	Brook L. Knapp
Kiley L. Knapp	Melissa R. Lagerstedt	Donald Laitinen
Janielle Lane	Paul W. Lavallee	Robert W. Lesure
Jay Lunna	Eric S. Martin	Jennifer M. Martin
Benjamin M. Metzger	Christopher A. Miller	Enmily S. Moreau
Joshua A. Morrill	Robert Harvey Morse	Eliza R. Murawski
Kendra M. Neddo	Nicole R. Perreault	Matthew Proof
Kaitlin r. Raspe	Won K. Roach	Kenneth Robie
Moises A. Rodriguez	Kathy B. Rouleau	Jan W. Ruta
Bonnie Lee Sartwell	Jasmine M. Sawyer	Jordan D. Shea
Howard R. Silk	Donald R. Smith	Matthew F. Spring
Michael E. Thompson	Sandra Tosto	Katherine J. Usle
Paul R. Vallerand II	Anna Van Luvender	Jason S. Webster
Sarah Ellen Webster	Alyssa Paige Wilcox	David D. Wilder
Brenda L. Williams	Catherine Lee Young	Mary Ellen Zickmund

DELETIONS BY REASON OF DEATH, PURGE, DUPLICATION, APPLICATION

Jane E. Aja	Darleen Aldrich	Loraine F. Atkins
John A. Ballard	Mary Lesley Bell	Roland J. Boisvert
Alice B. Bylow	Jennifer J. Byrnes	Bernard X Chenette
Clifton T. Coates	Dawn M. Dell Veneri	Robert A. DuBois
Mallory E. Frost	Shelly Hanson	Joyce Isham

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Colleen M. Malone	Richard Mears	Richard N. Morrison
Patricia C. Morse	Patricia Ann Munyon	Judy S. Peterson
Harold c. Pudvah	Ronald White	

DISCUSSION ON VOTERS TO BE CHALLENGED

Sheila Walther reminded the BCA they are charged with assisting the Clerk in maintaining the voter checklist. This includes identifying individuals they believe should be sent challenge letters. As part of the discussion, the BCA was given a paper copy of the checklist. (Note: Voters on the list, with a letter "C" in the status column, have already been mailed a challenge letter but have not responded.) She noted when the BCA believes a voter may not be domiciled in the Town, they can be sent a challenge letter with affidavit asking them to state/verify their place of residency/domicile.

On a motion by Sheila Walther, seconded by William Bugbee, the BCA asked the Town Clerk to challenge/purge the following voters:

Norton Austin (challenged)	Cassandra Koch (challenged)	Anita Morel
Keith Rand	Giselle Richards	Greg Richards
Adrienne Scuccess	Julia A. Stark	Rebekah Stuwe (Baril)
Gary Zigmann	Jeffrey Vanguilder	

During discussion it was noted that Vanguilder is military (Air Force) and that he may not be able to be challenged. (Some of the exceptions for not remaining on a checklist are: full-time military and we are the home of record, living at a health care facility, ex-patriots living abroad, etc.) Scuccess still lives at 40 Phelps Road and her mother (Elvira) lives at Wildersburg Common.

JP Isabelle noted Austin and Koch are already in the challenge system and cannot be challenged a second time. There was a friendly amendment to remove Austin and Koch from the list. Isabelle further stated that he is concerned this close to the election (May 8, 2018) the Clerk will be unable to send the challenges in a timely manner.

There was brief discussion on systemic purges of the checklist. It was noted that at the polling place individuals are asked to verify their address. There was some discussion as to whether voters who are not domiciled in the Town can be challenged and/or be denied a ballot at the polling place.

The motion was repeated for the minutes: *On a motion by Sheila Walther, seconded by William Bugbee, the BCA has instructed the Town Clerk to review the list of 11 names and determine if they have been challenged; if a voter has not been challenged then a letter of challenge or the affirmation of Residence/Domicile letter will be mailed. The motion passed with JP Isabelle voting no and Ricks abstaining.*

APPOINT JPs TO CARRY SICK BALLOTS

The consensus of those present is to appoint Chris Violette and William Bugbee to carry sick ballots on May 8, 2018 and appoint Lee Walther and J. Guy Isabelle as alternates.

DISCUSS VICTORY COURT CASE AND CHECKLIST RESIDENCY GUIDELINES

On a motion by Lee Walther, seconded by Sheila Walther, the BCA voted to postpone the discussion of the Town of Victory Court case (regarding checklist residency) and related topics to another time due to the limited meeting time tonight. The motion passed. The following were not present for the vote: Donna J. Kelty, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Bob Nelson, and Rolland Tessier.

Motion discussion centered on how challenges happen, why there are so many challenged voters on our checklist, and the frequency of challenging voters. Systemic

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challenges/batch challenges cannot happen within 90 days of an election. Sheila Walther had prepared a packet of material for the BCA which included information on when folks can be purged without challenge.

ABATEMENT INCOME/EXPENSE FORM REVISION UPDATE

The item was deleted from the agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Sheila Walther thanked BCA members for contacting her regarding availability to work at the polls on May 8, 2018 (Town Meeting). She reviewed the assignment list and reminded BCA that Kelty will not be participating as a worker or involved in the counting as she is on the ballot. By law the Town Clerk, even though on the ballot, will continue the role of Presiding Officer.
2. Daniele, Castle and Guy Isabelle requested changes to the BCA Poll Worker Contact list.
3. The new State Accessible Voting System will be used in the August Primary Elections. The Secretary of State will be providing training sometime in July. Kelty would like a list of individuals who would like training on this system. The following were interested: Bill Bugbee, Pearl Bugbee, Ed Paquin, Chris Violette, Virginia Poplawski, Sheila Walther, Lee Walther, Paul White, Jay Perkins, Jeanne Daniele, Guy Isabelle, and Dottye Ricks.
4. This July the Secretary of State's Office will provide election training. The Clerk would like to know who is interested in attending: Ed Paquin, Chris Violette, Virginia Poplawski, Pearl Bugbee, Bill Bugbee, Sheila Walther, Lee Walther, Paul White, Jay Perkins, Jeanne Daniele, Guy Isabelle, and Dottye Ricks.
5. The Chart of Incompatible Officers was given to the BCA - please put in your SOP binder.
6. The next meeting will be June 6, 2018 (Abatement) at 6:30 p.m. The Victory court case will be discussed. First the BCA will conduct the Abatement - adjourn and then reconvene as the BCA to discuss the court case.

ADJOURN

On a motion by William Bugbee, seconded by JP Isabelle, the Board of Civil Authority voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. The following were not present for the vote: Donna J. Kelty, W. John "Jack" Mitchell, Bob Nelson, and Rolland Tessier.

The minutes as transcribed from the audio recorder and through the notes of Dottye Ricks.

Town Clerk-Treasurer, Donna J. Kelty