

To be approved at next BCA Meeting

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING  
Held on October 27, 2021

The Board of Civil Authority (BCA) meeting was called to order by Chair Amanda Gustin at 6:00 P.M. in the Alumni Hall conference room, Barre, Vermont. Board Members present in person were: Kimberlie Koalenz-Rosa, Karen Lauzon, Ericka Reil, Peter Anthony, Lisa Liotta, Jake Hemmerick, Michael Boutin, Tess Taylor, Lucas Herring, Samn Stockwell, Ivana Argenti, Teddy Waszazak (arrived at 6:02 PM), Patti Bisson (arrived at 6:06 PM), William Toborg (arrived at 6:27 PM), and Clerk Carol Dawes.

Members absent: Carol Garland, Bob Houle, Brian Parker, Emel Cambel, Louise Parks, and Jo Perreault.

The Board approved the minutes from the September 2, 2021 on motion of Board Member Herring, seconded by Board Member Anthony. **Motion carried.**

Clerk Dawes reviewed the correspondence to date from the Legislative Board of Apportionment (LAB), and noted the BCA now has the obligation to review the draft maps and respond. The Clerk noted the draft maps imagine the City divided into two single-representative districts, as opposed to the current arrangement of one two-representative district. The dividing line is predominantly Route 302.

Chair Gustin reviewed the responses from those who participated in the Front Porch Forum poll, and noted 14 of 16 supported maintaining the status quo.

There was discussion on what demographics from the 2020 census were used to draft the maps, the different options brought forward by the LAB, separate legislative districts similar to the local ward system, the amount of work and costs necessary to run city-wide campaigns, and having two people advocating for the City on the state level.

Board Member Boutin made the motion to issue a letter of support for the proposed single representative districts, with an amendment to the maps to use the entire length of Route 302 within City limits as the dividing line. The motion was seconded by Board Member Koalenz-Rosa. **Motion did not carry with Board Members Boutin, Koalenz-Rosa, Toborg, Lauzon, and Argenti voting in favor, and Board Chair Gustin and Board Members Reil, Anthony, Liotta, Hemmerick, Taylor, Stockwell, Waszazak, and Bisson voting against.**

Board Member Waszazak made the motion to recommend the City be left as a two-representative district, seconded by Board Member Stockwell. **Motion carried with Board Chair Gustin and Board Members Reil, Anthony, Liotta, Hemmerick, Taylor, Stockwell, Waszazak, Bisson, and Herring voting in favor, and Board Members Boutin, Koalenz-Rosa, Toborg, Lauzon, and Argenti voting against.**

Under other news, Clerk Dawes said the state will be replacing the vote tabulators with new technology before the March Town Meeting elections.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 PM on motion of Board Member Stockwell, seconded by Board Member Hemmerick. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn S. Dawes, Clerk of the Board