

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY
October 28, 2021
Draft Minutes

Present:	Bill Cleary Dave Baczewski Lee McClenny Nanette Rogers	Dennis Angiono Christian Frenette Andrea Letorney Lynn Bursell
Guests:	Callie Hamdy	Brian Sheldon

The Board of Civil Authority met on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 6:04 p.m. in person and via Zoom.

Bill Cleary nominated Lee McClenny as Chair, seconded by Christian Frenette. Motion passed: 8-0.

REAPPORTIONMENT

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the Vermont Legislative Apportionment Board's tentative plan for the Vermont House of Representatives district based on the 2020 Census. Westford and the northern part of Essex currently share a district. The Apportionment Board is proposing to reduce the area in Essex currently combined with Westford and add an area from Milton to form a new House Representative District.

It was noted that in 2000, the House District included Westford, a portion of Milton and a portion of Essex. The exact boundaries were not readily available at the meeting but were thought to be similar to the new proposed district. In 2010, the House District was reformatted to include all of Westford and the northern part of Essex. The makeup of the 2010 District made sense because Westford and Essex share a school district and they have more in common than Milton and Westford.

Although the BCA is not proposing any changes it would like it noted that they would prefer that Westford be combined solely with Essex.

Andrea Letorney made a motion to approve the Vermont Legislative Apportionment Board's proposed district for Westford, seconded by Dennis Angiono. Motion passed: 8-0.

The BCA discussed a letter from the Jericho Board of Civil Authority with regard to the Senate District. Currently, there are six senators representing most of the towns within Chittenden County. Jericho's letter speaks to fair representation for all. A Senate District as large as the current one does not serve the rural communities as well as the more developed communities such as Burlington, Winooski and South Burlington. The Westford BCA agrees with the Jericho BCA that the district needs to be resized and that more rural communities should be part of the same Senate District versus being included with the larger communities.

Bill Cleary made a motion to join the Jericho BCA in the resizing of the Chittenden County District, seconded by Dave Baczewski. Motion passed: 8-0.

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Bill Cleary made a motion to approve the September 9, 2021 minutes as amended, seconded by Lynn Bursell. Motion passed: 8-0.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee McClenny, Chair
Board of Civil Authority

Nanette Rogers
Town Clerk