

TOWN OF CASTLETON
MEETING OF BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY
November 8, 2021, 6:00PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gerard Ashton, Vice Chair, Nedra Boutwell, Clerk, Debbie Rosmus, Lilian Sheren, Pat Albin-Diercksen, Mike Holden, Jim Leamy, Dick Combs, Mike Bethel, Pat Schroeder. By Zoom Bonnie Handley, Mary Beth Hadeka, Yvonne DeLance, Joe Mark, Jennifer Jones. Others Present, Mike Jones and Mary Droege.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Vice Chair Gerry Ashton.

The minutes of the August 2, 2021, BCA meeting were reviewed. Debbie R made a motion to approve the minutes of August 2, 2021, Pat D seconded. Discussion followed, Debbie R asked to have the repetitive section removed from the second to the last paragraph, "Debbie R Made a motion to adjourn until the deliberative session August 24, Bonnie H seconded. All in favor, Motion passed." Gerry A called the question, all in favor. Motion passed to accept the minutes as amended.

The next order of business is discussing the Vermont House of Representatives tentative reapportionment proposal by the Legislative Apportionment Board. Debbie R made a motion to accept the proposal for Castleton to be a single member district, Lilian S seconded. Discussion followed. It is felt that Castleton is unique because it has the University, Lake Bomoseen, and is the second largest community in the county. A separate district is advisable as the board recommends for these reasons. Dick C stated he felt our two representatives, Bill Canfield and Bod Helm, have always represented Castleton well.

Joe M, Mary Beth H and many others also expressed concern for Hubbardton being split in half. The consensus is that Castleton and Hubbardton have been a part of each other's governing for a long time. We share many things, for example, the transfer station, schools, the lake, library, recreation department, etc. If the Legislative Apportionment Board was to make a change, we would like to see Hubbardton added to our district, still as a single member district.

Gerry A called the question, to support a single member district, Motion passed 14 – 1. Discussion followed on how to answer the questions on the feedback form. The beginning of this meeting did not get recorded on Zoom so exact wording will not be able to be written so Joe M asked for a motion to deputize Gerry A to use the input of members provided in a 24-hour period to submit a comment on our behalf. Dick made the motion and Jim L seconded. All in favor, Motion passed.

Gerry A asked if there was any other business to discuss. With no other business, Gerry A asked for a motion to adjourn. Mike H made the motion, Jim L seconded. All in favor, Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:43. A copy of the Feedback form will be attached to the minutes. Respectfully submitted:

Nedra Boutwell, Clerk

Approved:

Date:

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY FEEDBACK FORM

For the Submission of Feedback on the: VERMONT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - TENTATIVE RE-APPORTIONMENT PROPOSAL by the LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT BOARD

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from website

The following is a report of the decisions and discussions of the Board of Civil Authority of the town/city, concerning the initial House district reapportionment plan proposed by the Legislative Apportionment Board, as required by 17 V.S.A. §1905: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/17/034A/01905>

It is due on or before November 15, 2021 through this online portal.

This form is for reporting from the BCA through its authorized representative only. There should be only one report from any one BCA. This is not a portal for public comment. This link is not for public distribution. The public should be encouraged to comment to the BCA directly or can reach out to the LAB through its website: <https://sos.vermont.gov/apportionment-board/contact-the-board/>

Required

1.Town/City:

Castleton

2.Name of Submitter:

Nedra Boutwell

3.Role of Person Submitting This Form (Town Clerk, BCA Chair, etc.):

Town Clerk, for BCA

4.Contact Phone:

802-468-5319 ext.201

5.Contact Email:

casclerk@shoreham.net

6.Date(s) the Board of Civil Authority met on the reapportionment plan:

November 8, 2021

7.District(s) reviewed that the BCA recommends changing:

Please use the district names used in the proposed map.

None

8.District(s) reviewed that the BCA recommends keeping as proposed:

Please use the district names used in the proposed map.

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9.Description of District(s) recommended to be changed:

Please provide a clear description of the recommended district. For an example of the way this has been done in the past, please refer to 17 V.S.A. §1893:

<https://legislature.vermont.gov/statutes/section/17/034/01893>

Use as much detail as possible. If the BCA's proposed district(s) have more than one member, please include that detail. You may also copy the map provided to you and re-draw the line, if desired, but you must also include the description. If necessary, email any attachments to sos.bcafeedback@vermont.gov and clearly include your town and district in the title and body of the email.

None

10.Rationale and comments:

Please give in detail your rationale for the change(s) that the BCA made as well as rationale for leaving the district(s) as drawn by the Legislative Apportionment Board.

Castleton being our own district would be our first choice. We feel Castleton is unique as we are the second largest community in our county, we have a University and Lake Bomoseen. However, if the proposed district is changed, we would encourage the board to include Hubbardton with Castleton. Our towns have a long-standing history of sharing, we share a transfer station, elementary and middle schools, a library, a recreation department, Castleton Community Center, Meals on wheels service routes, and Lake Bomoseen.