

2/10/2022 Board of Civil Authority Meeting Minutes (draft)

At a duly warned meeting the following members were present. David Bradshaw, Chair, Rachel Lathrop, Tracy Simon, Ed Kuban, Sue Kay, Levar Cole, Geoffrey Clayton, Karen Lathrop, Clerk. Non- members present Representative Rodney Graham, and Barbara Buzzi Graham, Williamstown Clerk & BCA Member.

1. David called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.
2. Changes to agenda- none
3. Approve minutes. Tracy Simon moved to approve minutes of 1/25/2022 with Rachel Lathrop seconding the motion. No discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed.
4. Report on Reapportionment. Levar Cole gave a report on the testimony offered on January 28, 2022 and clarification the Board was seeking. (See attached email). He noted the legislature had changed the map since the Board last met and Representative Lefebvre sent it to him as he was leaving for the meeting. Representative Graham was given the floor and he commented on the new map and that it would split part of Williamstown off for New-Org-3. He gave the process of reapportionment. They are headed to single member district.

Geoffrey Clayton moved a letter be written stating the Board opposing the map as it stands, opposing the Town of Chelsea being split into districts. Levar Cole seconded the motion.

The Board discussed the ramifications of split district, lack of representation for small rural towns, total inequity of trying to give feedback on an ever- moving district line. Board members opposed to splitting of Town into two districts. The Legislature has changed the playing field while asking for input from Board's that have strict notice requirements for meetings, making it almost impossible to make recommendations as a Board in a timely manner. Williamstown BCA member, Barbara noted their BCA met on February 9, 2022 and their response drafted to the earlier map is moot because of the change.

The Chair called for a vote, all were in favor of the motion. The motion passed. The Board directed Levar Cole to draft the letter on behalf of the Board and send to Geoff to distribute to the Board for edits. Input from the Board of Civil Authority must reach the Legislature by February 15, 2022. (To be attached when finalized)

5. Sue Kay moved to adjourn with Rachel Lathrop seconding the motion. All were in favor, so moved. Adjourned at 7:13 PM.