

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING MINUTES
November 2, 2021

Members Present: Heather Chase, Jeff Holden, Robert Nied, Lee Gustafson, Leigh Dakin, Ken Barrett, Colleen Truax, Kathy Pellett, Cheryl LeClair, Deborah Aldrich, Amie O'Brien, Arne Jonynas, Pat Budnick, Robert Crawford

Public Present: William Dakin, Thomas Bock

The Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Chase at 6 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairperson Chase explained that this meeting is for discussion and feedback on the Reapportioning of the Vermont Representative Districts.

Representative Thomas Bock explained that he would like to see our district stay the same and feels that Andover should be a part of our district and we have a good relationship with them.

Arne Jonynas explained that he felt that we should be with towns with which we are familiar. He recommends that we stay with Andover, Baltimore, and N. Springfield. The new district would put us in a different County and different school districts. Title 17, Chapter 34A, §1903 (2) states: recognition and maintenance of patterns of geography, social interaction, trade, political ties, and common interests. Chester and Andover have a relationship between schools, library, recreation, and fire/ambulance services.

Kathy Pellett felt that the new district, geographically, road wise, would be too big of a district.

The Board of Civil Authority unanimously would like to keep the district as is.

There was also concern about overlapping Counties and grant applications being two different districts.

10 years ago, we rejected going with Grafton.

Deborah Aldrich will contact Andover and ask about their concerns.

Lee Gustafson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Leigh Dakin. Meeting adjourned 6:24 p.m.

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Deborah J. Aldrich
Town Clerk