



Town of Bolton
3045 Theodore Roosevelt Highway
Bolton VT 05676
Board of Civil Authority
Virtual Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2021

All participants present remotely.

BCA members present: Tony Barbagallo, Mica Cassara, Lynda DesLauriers, John Devine, Steve Diglio, Amy Grover, Paula Gervia, Wendy Hoffman, Brenda McKeown (Chair), Janet Metz, Rich Reid

BCA members absent: none

Also present: Andrew Pond, Theresa Wood, Tom Stevens

Clerk: Amy Grover

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Brenda McKeown with a quorum of 10 members present.
2. **Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:**
 - Addition: Confirmation of two BCA members to transport MMUUSD ballots to CHMS on 2/2/21; John Devine and Janet Metz. Confirmation of members available to count ballots at Smilie School; all available.
3. **Public Comment:** none.
4. **Minutes January 4, 2021:** Lynda DesLauriers made the motion *“to accept the BCA minutes of January 4, 2021.”* Rich Reid seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (11-0).
5. **Vermont Senate Redistricting/Re-Appportionment: Letter to the VT Legislative Apportionment Board (LAB) Requested**

This is with respect to the expressed desire of the MMUUSD to have the 5 member MMUUSD towns within one single legislative Senate district, and to have the Bolton BCA/BSB send a letter to that effect to the LAB.

Tom Stevens and Theresa Wood noted that:

 - The process starts with the census count and the timeline is spring - fall 2021.
 - There may be delay in releasing results of the 2020 census which will delay/impact the timeline for the process, as it is census numbers driven.
 - VT achieved a 98% return rate on census – the census should be accurate.
 - The LAB has regular monthly meetings and accepts public comment (Huntington has provided public comment re: MMUUSD in one legislative Senate District, currently in Addison County), and will send their recommendation /report to the legislature, which will be taken up in the next legislative session.
 - It is early in the process and this is time to express the desire (sustain for the next 6 months) for the MMUUSD to be in one district; attend monthly LAB meetings, send letter from the BCA monthly, letter from the BCAs of all 5 district towns, MMUUSD should also send letter/s.

- There is a firm timeline for a response to the to-be-generated draft proposal of 8/1/21 (which may shift dependent on census release).

Brenda McKeown noted that in the past the town used every avenue possible to express their redistricting desires, which has not always been recognized, and supported a single senatorial district for the MMUUSD.

Andrew Pond noted that the merged MMUUSD would experience better representation if all of five of the MMUUSD towns were in the same senate district and not divided.

Group discussion included: general numbers and the fact that the MMUUSD would not be in its “own” senatorial district, Chittenden County representation of 6 senators is poised for a change which may make it more representative, to advocate on Huntington’s behalf to have them removed from Addison County, the House is generally about sheer numbers and lines, make an offer for community input (meetings open to all), cc Senators and Tom Stevens and Theresa Wood on aa communications. Thanks expressed to Tom Stevens, Theresa Wood and Andrew Pond for attending.

Amy Grover to draft letter to the LAB, circulate for BCA input, and obtain LAB dates to set up attendance schedule.

6. **Adjournment:** Lynda DesLauriers made the motion “to adjourn the meeting.” Wendy Hoffman seconded. There was no further discussion. All were in favor and the motion passed (11-0) at 6:39 p.m.

Attest: Amy Grover, BCA Clerk

Minutes are unofficial until approved. These minutes were approved on May 17, 2021.