

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

Tuesday, November 2, 2021 7:00 pm
Town Hall Meeting Room

Board Members Present: Chair, Marge Munger, Hillary Knapp, Laura Peterson, Brian Coolidge, Bud Coolidge, Bruce Blanch, John Peterson, Kathy Clark, Wendy Rowe Feldman, Bill Moore and Sue Gage

Guests: Representative Stephanie Jerome

Chair, Marge Munger, opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

I. Discuss Vermont House of Representatives proposed Reapportionment of House Districts

Rep. Stephanie Jerome explained that reapportionment occurs every ten years and is triggered by the census reports. As populations change in each of the districts, it becomes necessary to redraw the lines. The group of legislators tasked with this job for the current reapportionment have focused on establishing single seat districts. Rep. Jerome feels that a single seat district for the Town of Brandon is advantageous, as the representative can focus on just Brandon, and not other towns. The Board consensus was the same, all felt that Brandon would be well served in a single seat legislative district. Clerk Sue Gage will report to the Reapportionment committee later this week, and indicate that the Brandon Board of Civil Authority has no issues with the reapportionment.

II. Discuss and decide on venue for voting in 2022

The Board voted unanimously to hold the elections in 2022 at the Brandon American Legion Post 55 on Franklin Street, citing parking issues as the reason not to return to the Town Hall.

III. Discuss election law changes

The Board voted NO on drive-through voting for 2022.

The Board voted YES to a Ballot Drop Box, which is located in front of the Town Clerk's office.

The Board voted YES to allow early processing of absentee/early ballots.

IV. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Gage, Town Clerk