

## TOWN of MIDDLEBURY

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The Middlebury BCA met on November 3, 2021 to review the initial redistricting proposal from the Legislative Apportionment Board recommending that Middlebury as the Addison-1 District be divided into three one-member districts, ADD 2-1, ADD 2-2 and ADD-7.

At that time the Middlebury BCA Recommended maintaining the district known as Addison-1 in its present configuration. The proposed three one-member districts did not consider the three statutory principles that should be used in conjunction with population to determine districts which include:

- 1. preservation of existing political lines;
- 2. recognition and maintenance of patterns of geography, social interaction, trade, political ties, and common interests;
- 3. use of compact contiguous territory.

Further reasoning included the size of our town does not provide any kind of natural division to our population. We all elect one Selectboard. We all support and utilize both public libraries, both fire departments, one police department, and all reside within the same public school district. Middlebury as one two-member district has a population deviation of +6.74% from ideal, which we find works well with two legislators representing all of the residents.

This letter is to confirm that we approve of the of the revised reapportionment proposal of H.589 defining the Town of Middlebury as one two-member district known as ADD-1.

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