



Town of Stowe

Board of Civil Authority

The Board of Civil Authority for the Town of Stowe met on January 28, 2022 following upon the request of the Office of Legislative Counsel in its letter dated January 20, 2022 to provide feedback on the three matters requested: 1. The proposed district lines on the maps provided; 2. Any proposals to subdivide H.589 proposed two-member districts into single member districts (if desired); 3. BCA proposals on how to subdivide any initial district that is listed in H.589 as having three or more representatives into one or two member districts; and 4. Any additional feedback on LAB's Adopted Map. Ten of the seventeen members of the BCA were present and voting either in person or via Zoom. The BCA was fortunate to have Rob Roper, a member of the LAB, present via Zoom to provide his expertise to the Board.

All present are disappointed in having part of the Town of Stowe amputated, even for this important purpose, but understand the reality of the situation so there was little substantive discussion regarding the loss of a piece of the Town to another Legislative District. It was, however, acknowledged that while the Board approved of the LAB Map drawn in November 2021 at its earlier meeting, it was out of the sense of inevitability, and in context it was acceptable.

There was discussion around the districts created by both maps and the district lines, as referred to in section 1., but as no one had any definite proposal for redrawing any of the lines, given the consideration to the "ripple effect", the discussion moved to section 2. The majority of the discussion revolved around the single member versus two-member districts. There being no substitute plan, the discussion was largely about the choice between single member districts and two-member districts at a conceptual level. That focused the discussion on the two maps, the LAB Minority Map from November 2021 showing the LAM-6 configuration and the LAB Alternate Map depicting the newly created NEW-LAM-WAS 2.0 district. To satisfy the request in section 2. The question of how many would support the single member district concept was put to the Board. Three of the ten members present, voted in favor. No feedback on sections 3 or 4.

Respectfully submitted

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Chair, BCA, Town of Stowe

