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BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING October 25, 2021

The Board of Civil Authority of the Town of Morristown, notified and warned, met in the Conference Room at the Municipal Office Building, 43 Portland Street in said town on Monday, October 25, 2021, immediately following the Board of Abatement Meeting.

BCA Members present:

Justice of the Peace: Brent Paine, Darcie Abbene (zoom), Donald Blake, Ed Wilson, Monte Mason, Shap Smith, Shelley Nolan, Siri Rooney (zoom) and Urban Martin

Selectboard: Bob Beeman (zoom), Judy Bickford, Brian Kellogg, Gary Nolan and Jessica Graham

Clerk: Sara Haskins

Guests: David Yacovone

- Ed Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.
- **Upon motion by Donnie Blake and seconded by Shelley Nolan the minutes of September 8, 2021 were approved. (15/0)**
- Sara Haskins shared with the Board that the Selectboard had set the date for a Special Town Meeting on December 7, 2021 to ratify the withdrawal of the Town of Stowe from the Lamoille South Unified Union School District in coordination with the Town of Elmore. The warning has not been finalized but it could contain other possible articles in addition to the school vote. The BCA discussed the location of the polling place for the special location. ***Shap Smith made a motion to hold the Special Town Meeting on December 7, 2021 at the Morrisville VFW from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM pending availability. Gary Nolan seconded the motion. Motion passed (13/2). Brent Paine (Y), Darcie Abbene (Y), Donald Blake (Y), Ed Wilson (Y), Monte Mason (Y), Shap Smith (Y), Shelley Nolan (Y), Siri Rooney (N), Urban Martin (Y), Bob Beeman (Y), Judy Bickford (N), Brian Kellogg (Y), Gary Nolan (Y) and Jessica Graham (Y), Sara Haskins (Y).***
- Sara Haskins presented a list of changes to the voter checklist since the last time reviewed on February 26, 2021 there have been 192 new voter registrations, 325 voters challenged, 137 voters purged and 74 voters transferred to other towns in Vermont. The BCA reviewed the changes.
- Sara Haskins shared the draft maps from the Vermont Legislative Apportionment Board. Their proposal is for 150 single member districts and proposes to divide the Town of Morristown into two different voting districts. The proposed LAM-3 District combines 1946 Morristown voters

with all of the towns of Elmore & Wolcott for a total of 4502. The proposed LAM-4 District combines 3488 Morristown voters with 877 Stowe voters for a total of 4365. The Board discussed the pros and cons between single and two member district representation. The 2020 census shows Morristown as having 5434 residents which is over the target threshold of approximately 4287 residents for a single member district. Many BCA members stated the goal of keeping the Morristown community whole which would require a two member district. The Board also discussed continuing to share a district with Elmore, Woodbury & Worcester vs the newly proposed combined districts with Elmore, Wolcott & Stowe which would align more with geographical location and the shared school district. ***Shap Smith made a motion to respond back to the Vermont Legislative Apportionment Board with a proposal for a two member district which would combine their two proposed districts of LAM-3 & LAM-4 which would be the towns of Morristown, Elmore, Wolcott and 877 members from Stowe for a total count of 8867. Judy seconded the motion. Motion passed 14/1. Brent Paine (Y), Darcie Abbene (Y), Donald Blake (Y), Ed Wilson(N), Monte Mason(Y), Shap Smith (Y), Shelley Nolan (Y), Siri Rooney (Y), Urban Martin (Y), Bob Beeman (Y), Judy Bickford (Y), Brian Kellogg (Y), Gary Nolan (Y) and Jessica Graham (Y), Sara Haskins (Y).*** The BCA instructed Sara Haskins to complete the required BCA reporting form on their behalf.

- Under other business Donnie Blake acknowledged & congratulated Sara Haskins winning the 2021 VMCTA Award of Appreciation.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM upon motion by Urban Martin and seconded by Judy Bickford.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 27th day of October, 2021.
Sara Haskins, Clerk- Board of Civil Authority