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BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING February 10, 2022

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 Thursday, February 10, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

BCA Members present:

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

Selectboard: Judy Bickford and Gary Nolan.

Clerk: Sara Haskins

Guests: David Yacovone

- Ed Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.
- Added to the agenda: update on Town Meeting Ballots & upcoming election
- Sara Haskins informed the BCA that the annual meeting ballots were delayed in arrival due to a storm that effected the shipping company. They were mailed out in three batches. The first two batches have been mailed out and the last third is ready to be shipped first thing in the morning. Due to the overweight postage required and the time that mail can sometimes take to be delivered she is recommending that people return their ballots in the secure 24 hour drop box in front of the municipal building, to the Town Clerk's office during normal business hours or bring it to the polling place on election day to vote in person. Sara also informed the Board that Judy Bickford had previously agreed to serve as the democrat Justice of the Peace to deliver ballots to the ill, injured or disabled but she is a candidate of the ballot and therefore unable to do so. Aimee Towne volunteered to deliver ballots in her place.
- **Upon motion by Donnie Blake and seconded by Gary Nolan the minutes of October 25, 2021 were approved. (12/0)**
- **Upon motion by Donnie Blake and seconded by Shelley Nolan the minutes of January 19, 2022 were approved with the correction that Andrea Beeman attended via zoom. (12/0)**

- Sara Haskins shared the draft H.589 reapportionment map from the House of Representatives. This map is different from the one previously approved by the Vermont Legislative Apportion Board (LAB) that the BCA reviewed on October 25, 2021. In the H.589 proposal Morristown is kept whole in a two member district with Elmore, Woodbury, Worcester & a small portion of Stowe. The Board discussed the pros and cons between single and two member district representation, the proposed H.589 map, the proposed LAB map and the alternative map approved by the BCA in October. Gary Nolan shared his concerns with the proposed H.589 map and the makeup of the towns in that district. Ed Wilson shared an article from Rob Roper regarding his view of single member districts. Sara Haskins shared information from other Town Clerks in towns that currently are divided into more than one district and the process and additional costs with having more than one district in a town. The majority continued to state the primary goal of keeping the Morristown community whole which would require a two member district and that a combined district with Elmore, Wolcott & Stowe would align more with the geographical location and the shared school district. *Aimee Towne made a motion to resubmit to the Legislative Counsel the same alternative proposal that was approved by the BCA on October 25, 2021 and submitted to the Vermont Legislative Apportion Board for a two member district which would combine the two proposed LAB 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 12/0.* Sara Haskins will submit a letter to the Legislative Counsel on behalf of the BCA sharing their alternative proposal.
- Darcie inquired if this was the last time the BCA would need to review the reapportionment maps and if the BCA would be asked to officially review and weigh in on the Senate reapportionment maps.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM upon motion by Shap Smith and seconded by Judy Bickford.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 13th day of February 2022.
Sara Haskins, Clerk- Board of Civil Authority

Please note all minutes are in draft form and are subject to approval at the next BCA meeting.