

MINUTES OF THE NORWICH BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY
(DRAFT)
October 25, 2021

Members Present: JP's: Carroll, Clinton, DeGasta, Gray, Johnson, Leiter, Richards, Rotman, Scherer and Teller-Elsberg (7:25)

Selectboard: Arnold, Brochu, Calloway and Gere

Town Clerk: Munday

Chair Gray called the meeting to order at 7:03.

The board discussed the tentative map proposed by the Legislative Apportionment Board. The proposal would split the current four-town / two-representative district into two single-representative districts made up of two towns. Norwich would be split between these two new districts, with most of Norwich in one, and a small portion of Norwich in the other.

There was consensus for this feedback to the LAB:

- the Norwich BCA prioritizes maintaining all of the town in the same district;
- the Norwich BCA prefers maintaining the current district; this two-member district does not present the problems that some multi-member districts do, because it is relatively compact and there is affinity among the four towns;
- if the LAB insists on proposing a single-member district, the Norwich BCA would accept that only if all of Norwich is in that district.

There was consensus to delegate submission of Norwich's feedback via the LAB Feedback Form to Town Clerk Bonnie Munday and BCA chair Linda Gray.

If a meeting with the BCAs from among the other towns in our current district (Thetford, Strafford, and Sharon) is scheduled, Bonnie Munday, Linda Gray, and Carolyn Clinton will attend as representatives of the Norwich BCA.

The meeting ended at 8:25.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Gray, Board of Civil Authority Chair