

Board of Civil Authority

Minutes 11/4/21

Board (Board) Present: Lisa Koitzsch (Lisa), Chuck Martel (Chuck), Danielle Howes (Danielle), Rick Rayfield (Rick), Jared Cadwell (Jared), and Patti Lewis (Patti)

Guest Present: Maxine Grad (Maxine), Kari Dolan (Kari), Joan Rae (Joan), Paul Sipple (Paul), Wendy Bridgewater (Wendy), Reta Goss (Reta), Tony Italiano (Tony)

4:30 p.m. – Rick called the meeting to order.

The Board and Guests discussed the proposed reapportionment plan by the Legislative Apportionment Board (LAB) whereby the Town of Fayston would be split on either side of Route 17 for voting/election purposes. Thereby making part of Fayston residents (1/4) a one-member district with Waitsfield and Warren and the other part (3/4) a one-member district with Moretown and Duxbury.

After discussion about process, pro and cons of one member representation vs. two, geography, what constitutes the Mad River Valley, the feedback from the public via email to Rick at rayfieldvt@gmail.com and those concerns raised, the Board decided as follows:

Rick made a motion to petition the LAB stating that Fayston should remain with the current 5 Town configuration with two representatives while seeking support from the Valley Boards (such as the Planning District and Selectboards) keeping Fayston as an entire Town. Lisa seconded. Further discussion was had about presenting the LAB with a second option stating Fayston wants to remain whole and with Waitsfield and Warren if one-member districts are the goal of the LAB. Kari noted that stating this could cause a domino effect with population numbers and other Towns. No further discussion, all in favor, motion passed.

There was further discussion on the timing (short time frame) for getting support letters together, sending a second notice out via MailChimp regarding the next meeting on this subject planned for 11/9/21 at 4:30 p.m. at the Fayston Municipal Office, and the fact we must have a response in to the LAB by 11/15/21.

5:34 p.m. Jared made a motion to adjourn. Danielle seconded, no further discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patti Lewis

Rick Rayfield, Chair