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Notice of Board of Civil Authority Meeting Minutes

Board members present: Julie Charlton, Debbie O’Leary, Tom Cavanagh, Helena Wu, Maureen Cronin, Andrew Rackear, Kelly Pajala, Tina Labeau

The Londonderry Board of Civil Authority met on Monday, November 8, 2021 at The Twitchell Building Town Offices 100 Old School Street South Londonderry, to review and finalize the feedback Londonderry will submit to the 2021 Legislative Apportionment Board.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00.

The draft submission to the LAB was discussed and there are a few additions that were agreed on.

Rationale for leaving the district drawn criteria #2: add that if “school choice” is not the prevailing norm in the district it puts Londonderry at a disadvantage because our Rep needs to advocate to maintain School Choice. Londonderry has no school district ties to Andover or Ludlow.

Criteria #3: add Londonderry has a separate and district area of commerce (ie the Mountain Marketplace Plaza) and Londonderry residents don’t frequent Ludlow for necessities. Even though Ludlow has a resort and a ski academy, Londonderry residents gravitate much more heavily towards Stratton Mountain Resort and Stratton Mountain Ski Academy.

Rationale for the district recommended by the BCA criteria #3: add Stratton Mountain Resort which is largely in Winhall is a major employer in our community. The surrounding towns act as the Bedroom communities for many of Stratton’s employees. The Resort also owns and operates an employee housing facility in Londonderry. The JISP program for our students is held at Stratton, Wild Wings and Bromley. The majority of high school students in the recommended district attend Burr and Burton Academy which leads to shared transportation resources both with bussing and amongst families carpooling.

Tom Cavanagh made a motion to accept the feedback to the LAB with the changes as discussed. Julie Charlton seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Tina Labeau made a motion to adjourn at 5:40. Debbie O’Leary seconded the motion. The motion passed.