

TOWN OF ISLE LA MOTTE
BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY
MONDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2021
5:30PM AT TOWN HALL

Members present: Rusty Spaulding, Paul Zera, Selby Turner, Cathy Tudhope, Sarah Peacock and Sarah Noble

1. Approve election procedures required by Act 60's changes to the Election Law

Sec. 3 - Local election ballot mailing authority- amending §2680; the new language allows for the legislative body of a town, city or village (selectboard, city council, board of trustees) to vote to mail a ballot to all active registered voters.

Noble had discussion; there was a lot of push back from voters when ballots were mass mailed during previous elections.

- Motion by Spaulding not to mail ballots to all active registered voters during upcoming elections, 2nd by Zera—All in favor.

Sec. 11- Provision of secure ballot drop boxes- new §2543a; this new section allows the BCA to vote to install and/or approve the use of one or more secure ballot drop boxes for voters to return their ballots.

Noble had discussion; the Secretary of State previously sent a poll out to Towns on whether they would use secure ballot boxes for their voting needs if provided by the Secretary of State.

- Motion by Spaulding to approve the use of a secure ballot drop box, 2nd by Zera—All in favor.

Sec. 14- Early processing of early/absentee ballots- amending §2546a; this section amends the law to allow for the early deposit into either the tabulator or ballot box during the 30 days preceding the election.

Noble, Tudhope & Zera had discussion; this was a huge help during the previous elections.

- Motion by Spaulding to approve the early processing of absentees, 2nd by Zera—All in favor.

2. Review Proposed House District Map

- Discussion by board; all board members agree that they like the way the Map is set already and oppose changing. (See attachment)

3. Adjourn

Motion by Spaulding to adjourn at 5:40, 2nd by Zera—All in favor.

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Thomas A. Little, Chair
Legislative Apportionment Board

Nov. 6, 2021

Dear Chair Little,

The Isle La Motte Select board does not agree or approve of the possible reapportionment that is currently being considered.

Our district currently works very well the way it is. We are a small county and to break it up into 2 seems disadvantageous and confusing at best. We do not support dividing the town of Grand Isle into 2 pieces. It has taken enough time for our voters to get used to the somewhat confusing Senate race with the majority of Grand Isle County (Isle La Motte, North Hero, Grand Isle and South Hero) being combined with Colchester. Why make additional changes to further confuse our voters when what we have in our House District is working very well for Grand Isle County? Additionally, the numbers, population wise, fall well within your recommended/allowable deviations for two Representatives.

We strongly oppose this reapportionment. It is our understanding that the Town of Grand Isle feels as Isle La Motte. Please leave our county as it is currently apportioned.

Sincerely,
Isle La Motte Select Board


Rustam Spaulding, Chair


Selby Turner


Paul Zera