

Joint meeting of representatives of Boards of Civil Authority
from Norwich, Sharon, Strafford, and Thetford
11/8/2021

Meeting Notes

Present:

Norwich - Carolyn Clinton, Linda Gray, Bonnie Munday, also Claudette Brochu and Rob Gere as observers

Sharon – Cathy Sartor, Mary Ayer, John Lanzas, Mary Gavin, Kevin Gish

Strafford – Lisa Bragg, Andrew Lane, Sarah North

Thetford – Martie Betts, David Goodrich

Public: Jim Masland

The meeting started at 7:00 pm.

Linda Gray conveyed the consensus of the Norwich BCA: it prioritizes maintaining all of the town in the same district; it prefers maintaining the current district; the current 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 Legislative Apportionment Board insists on proposing a single-member district, the Norwich BCA would accept that only if all of Norwich is in that district.

Mary Gavin conveyed the view of the Sharon BCA: essentially the same as Norwich; the four-town district serves the communities well.

Andrew Lane conveyed the view of the Strafford BCA: it endorses the current four-town district; it fears that the smaller towns would actually have a diminished voice if paired with a larger town in a two-town district.

David Goodrich conveyed the view of the Thetford BCA: it shares the same views as the other towns and would like to maintain the current two-member, four-town district.

Jim Masland explained that the tentative House plan from the LAB will be reviewed by the House Government Operations committee; Bonnie Munday requested that the Towns be given the opportunity to testify if the tentative proposal for two new districts is not set aside in the legislature.

The meeting ended at 7:30 pm.

Recorded by Linda Gray, chair, Norwich BCA