**Town of South Hero**

**Board of Civil Authority Reapportionment Discussion Meeting**

**Minutes**

**Monday November 8, 2021 4 pm**

**BCA Members present:** David Carter -BCA Chair/Select Board Chair/JP, Chuck Hulse -Select Board, Mary Jane Wirsing -JP, Kim Julow -Town Clerk/Treasurer, Naomi King -Assistant Clerk/JP, Christine Mack -JP, Kevin Winch -JP, Sherry Corbin- Lister

**Meeting called to order:** at 4:01 pm

**Adjustments to the Agenda**: none

**Discussion on State proposed changes to our legislative district:** The Vermont Legislative Apportionment Board has proposed changes based on the recent Census population numbers. The proposal is for 150 districts of approximately 4,287 residents with 1 representative. Their proposal for us is a district made up of West Milton, South Hero and ½ of Grand Isle which would include 4,597 residents.

The consensus of the BCA was that we agree to a single representative but we do not agree with the proposed configuration. We feel that it is important to keep Grand Isle County together as much as possible and we want to be sure that our representative is a resident of Grand Isle County.

Our first preference would be for a district made up of South Hero, Grand Isle and North Hero. That would include 4,699 residents which is higher than the ideal of 4,287 but our towns are linked geographically and we already work together in many ways. Our second choice would be a district made up of South Hero, Grand Isle and Isle La Motte. That grouping would include 4,248 residents which is closer to (although lower than) the ideal number of 4,287.

The Town Clerk will relay our comments to the Legislative Apportionment Board for their consideration.

**Adjournment:** David moved to adjourn. Naomi seconded. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.