



Wards 4&7 NPA

Wednesday, August 25th, 2021, 7:00 PM

Special Meeting on Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee Representative Selection

This NPA meeting will be facilitated by Zoom, and attendance by Zoom is encouraged. The Community Room at the Miller Center will be available for in-person Zoom participation for members of the public. It is **recommended** that in-person participants wear a mask.

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2. In-Person:

Community Room, Robert E. Miller Community Center
130 Gosse Court, Burlington VT 05401

3. YouTube Livestream:

NPA Wards 4&7 Playlist, click on upcoming/next meeting:

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Agenda:

- 7:00-7:10 Introductions & Purpose
- 7:10-7:20 Resolution Overview & Ad Hoc Committee Expectations
- 7:20-7:30 Nominations for Ad Hoc Committee Representatives
- 7:30-8:00 Nominee Introductions & Qualification/Interest Statements
- 8:00-8:30 Q&A Session/Dialogue - Candidates & NPA Participants
- 8:30-9:00 Elections for Ad Hoc Committee Representatives
- 9:00 Adjourn

Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting

An Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting is to be formed by **September 16:**

- Committee will be independent of the City Council and School Board.
- Staff support will be provided by CEDO and the City Attorney.
- Will **include eight community members, one community member from each ward selected by the NPAs**. Should there be more than one person from a ward who expresses an interest in this position, the NPA will vote to select a representative to the Committee.

The primary responsibility of the Committee will be to take public input and gather community input to the current districting plans and review the past plans:

- Will hear opinions about the number of councilors per ward/district, and consider the current wards/districts configuration.

It is assumed the Ad Hoc Committee will need to meet at least 4-6 times between Sept. 16 and Oct. 25th.

- **The Committee will hold two public meetings** where community input will be taken.
- It is presumed that each representative will want to hold a meeting with their NPA.
- The Committee will also need to meet to process feedback and recommendations.

The Committee will report back to the Council with feedback and recommendations by the last Council meeting in October, **Oct 25th**.

The Council will then use this community feedback to offer guidance by resolution to a mapping specialist identified by the City Council; the resolution will include guidance **on the preferred council/board structure**, including the concepts of ward/district representation versus a ward only or district only configuration, the number of councilors, number of wards and/or districts, and whether regard to incumbency will be considered.

If the Census results show a population deviation of more than 10% in the existing districts or wards, **then the mapping specialist will use the Committee's guidance** and the Census

figures that will be available by September 30 **to redraw the lines if necessary**, keeping in mind the need to respect neighborhoods, contiguousness, and compactness, as well as redrawing lines with consideration to the current lines, when possible, given the other directives.

The mapping specialist and the City Attorney will report to the City Council at the Council's last meeting in November and will include a proposed map or set of maps for the Council to consider; and **the Council will try to place a redistricting plan on the March 2022 ballot.**

Neighborhood Planning Assembly Minutes



NPA:
(choose one)

Wards 1 & 8	Wards 2 & 3	Wards 4 & 7	Ward 5	Ward 6	All Wards
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Date of Assembly: Wednesday, 08/25/2021

Start Time: (Commence): 7:04 PM

Location: Zoom and Community Room, Robert Miller Community and Recreation Center, 130 Gosse Court, Burlington, VT 05408

Finish Time: (Adjourn): 9:03 PM

Note taker: Kirsten Wilson (CEDO)

Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Jeff Clark (Ward 4), Eric Corbman (Ward 4), Evan Litwin (Ward 4), Matt Hurlburt (Ward 7), and Jeff Comstock (Ward 7)

Discussion Topics

- 7:00-7:10 Introductions & Purpose
- 7:10-7:20 Resolution Overview & Ad Hoc Committee Expectations – Councilors Sarah Carpenter & Mark Barlow
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Actions Taken / Decisions Made

- Ward 4 NPA members elected Jim Holway as Ward 4 representative to the Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting.
- Ward 7 NPA members elected Robert Bristow Johnson as Ward 7 representative to the Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting.
- Olivia Taylor unanimously elected by Ward 7 NPA members to the Ward 7 NPA Steering Committee.

Zoom Attendees:

Councilor Ali Dieng	Eric Corbman Ward 4	Councilor Mark Barlow	Robert Hooper
Annie Lawson (she/her)	Evan Litwin (W-4)	Martine Gulick	Councilor Sarah Carpenter
Birgit Bozek	Jeff Clark	Matt Hurlburt	Stephen Hamlin ward 7
CharlieG	Jeff Comstock	Nancy Comstock	Thomas Fleury
Cliff Cooper	Jim Holway	Olivia (Muffie) Ward 7	TOWN MEETING TV
Deb Bouton	Lea Terhune	Olivia Taylor (she/her)	
Ellen Cooper	Maricela Constantino	Robert Bristow-Johnson	

In-Person Attendees at the Miller Center:

Dave Hartnett	Kirsten Wilson - CEDO	Lynn Bundy
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Agenda Items and Actions:

- Introductions & Purpose
 - SC Member Matt Hurlburt opened the meeting with basic ground rules.
 - Matt outlined the agenda for the evening regarding the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee.
 - Roll call for Wards 4 and 7 NPA members.

- Resolution Overview & Ad Hoc Committee Expectations – *Councilors Sarah Carpenter & Mark Barlow*
 - Councilors Carpenter and Barlow spoke on the City Council Resolution Establishing an Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting for 2021.
 - The vote tonight is to elect two representatives to the 8-person Committee that will elicit public input on the ward configurations and the configuration of elected officials to City Council.
 - Committee will meet in September and October to plan two community meetings and synthesize their findings as a written recommendation for City Council.
 - City Council will then write a resolution for redistricting. Goal is to have a ballot item for voters by Town Meeting Day, March 2022.
 - As of now, we know that the Burlington population has increased, but do not know whether we are federally required to redraw ward lines.
 - According to a press release from the Mayor’s Office, the Burlington population has increased 2,326 people since the last Census in 2010, but we do not know where the changes are yet.
 - NPA members asked the Councilors questions regarding the redistricting process and the Ad Hoc Committee.
- Nominations for Ad Hoc Committee Representatives
 - Ward 4 Nominations:
 - Jim Holway self-nominated.
 - Lea Terhune nominated Ellen Cooper.
 - Evan Litwiń nominated Lea Terhune.
 - Lea Terhune nominated Evan Litwiń – Evan declined.
 - The Coopers nominated Jeff Clark– Jeff declined.
 - Ward 7 Nominations:
 - Olivia Milens nominated Deb Bouton.
 - Nancy Comstock nominated Jeff Comstock.
 - Robert Bristow Johnson self-nominated.
- Nominee Introductions & Qualification/Interest Statements
 - Ward 4 and 7 Nominees spoke on their interest in the role and what they would bring to the Ad Hoc Committee.
- Q&A Session/Dialogue - Candidates & NPA Participants
 - Deb Bouton withdrew their candidacy for the Ward 4 representative due to time commitments.
 - NPA members asked nominees questions regarding their candidacy.
- Elections for Ad Hoc Committee Representatives
 - Ward 4 Representative Vote for Ad Hoc Committee Representatives: Jim Holway - 6 votes, Ellen Cooper - 5 votes, Lea Terhune - 2 votes.
 - ACTION: Ward 4 NPA members elected Jim Holway as Ward 4 representative to the Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting.
 - Ward 7 Representative Vote: Robert Bristow Johnson - 5 votes, Jeff Comstock - 3 votes.
 - ACTION: NPA members elected Robert Bristow Johnson as Ward 7 representative to the Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting.
- Announcements:
 - Olivia Taylor nominated by Nancy Comstock to join the NPA Ward 7 Steering Committee. Seconded by Thom Fleury. Olivia spoke on her nomination and interest in the Steering Committee role.

- ACTION: Olivia Taylor unanimously elected by Ward 7 NPA members to the Ward 7 NPA Steering Committee.
- NPA members Deb Bouton, Maricela Constantino, and Birgit Bozek were nominated to join the Wards 4&7 NPA Steering Committee. They all expressed interest in learning more about the NPA Steering Committee and were invited to join the NPA's next Steering Committee planning meeting.
- Jim Holway gave a community announcement regarding a New North End Business Association. Please be in touch with Jim if you are interested in the Association or in joining its planning committee.