



City of Malden

Malden City Hall
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

Meeting Minutes - Final Redistricting Committee

Chairperson Ryan O'Malley

Craig Spadafora

Barbara Murphy

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

5:30 PM

215 Pleasant Street - Room 108

Roll Call

The meeting started at 5:42 P.M.

Also present:: Councillors Crowe, Anderson, Murphy, Winslow, Linehan, Sica, Condon. Karen Anderson for the Reapportioning Committee, Carol Ann Desiderio Asst. Registrar of Voters and for the Reapportioning Committee, Steve Fama GIS Specialist and for the Reapportioning Committee, Special Assistant to the Mayor Maria Luise.

Present: 3 - Chairperson Ryan O'Malley, Craig Spadafora and Barbara Murphy

Minutes to be Approved

Business

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Order: That the City Council adopt the Amended Redistricting Map V2e.

Sponsors: Ryan O'Malley

Attachments: [Sub-Precinct Draft v2d with HouseLines \(24X36\)](#)
[Sub-Precinct Draft V2e MAP](#)

Karen Anderson for the Reapportioning Committee started off by saying there were 3 requests from the last meeting that the Committee wanted to look at. Councillor Sica's request to have Hunting Street/parts of Salem Street put back in ward 8 from 6 and could be accomplished because it only was 85 people and did not throw any of the ward/precinct numbers off. Councillor O'Malley requested that the triangle in Map A that was in 3 be put back in 4, there was a 133 people in the block. The most challenging request was from Councillor Winslow on the Hanover Street area so that the entire area was in ward 6 (212 people), this was offset by shifting parts of Salem Street, Maplewood Street and Webster Street (211 people) into 5-1 from 6-2. There were 2 maps presented V2C with all 3 changes, V2B with 2 changes and not Councillor Winslow's request.

Councillor Murphy stated she had a problem with the V2C map and requested the area taken from ward 5 around Franklin Street be put back into ward 5. Councillor Murphy stated there are 0 people in the block which Steve Fama confirmed.

Councillor Winslow voiced his support for Map V2C stating that the Hanover Street neighborhood being split down the middle does not make for good representation for the neighborhood. there have been issues like flooding the area and it is important that the

entire neighborhood stay in ward 6 and Howard Park should be included.

Councillor Anderson stated he prefers V2B but because he will not be here deferred to Chris Simonelli who will be the incoming ward 7 councillor. Mr. Simonelli also prefers V2B but after listening to Councillor Winslow and the reasons to keep the Hanover Street area he has no problem with map V2C being approved.

Councillor Condon stated he was good with whatever was approved as long as it is good for the people.

Councillor O'Malley stated we need to be consistent with the ward lines.

Councillor Spadafora made a motion to recess the meeting and resume after the Committee of the Whole meeting, seconded by Councillor Murphy is was so voted 3-0. The meeting recessed at 6:12 P.M.

The meeting resumed at 7:30 P.M. with all three committee members present, Councillors O'Malley, Murphy and Spadafora.

Another map was presented (map V2D) with all the changes recommended from the Council discussion earlier before the meeting being recessed. Councillor O'Malley asked about another public hearing before the Council meeting next week on the map V2D if it were to be approved. Councillor Sica stated a hearing would be giving false hope that the map would be changed an there had already been a public hearing with public input. It was decided to put the map on the city website if it gets approved tonight.

Councillor Murphy recommended that map V2D be recommended out favorable by the committee. lithe motion was seconded by Councillor Spadafora, it was so voted 3-0 .

A motion was made by Murphy, seconded by Spadafora, that the Order be recommended favorably as amended to the City Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yea: 3 - O'Malley, Spadafora and Murphy

Other Business

Adjournment

A motion was made by Councillor Murphy, seconded by Councillor Spadafora, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.