

October 18, 2021

To: The NH Senate Redistricting Committee and the NH House Special Committee on Redistricting

On May 1, 2021, the Town of Hopkinton voted in support of the following resolution by 408 for and 58 against.

We were one of 74 towns and cities in the State of New Hampshire, representing over 500,000 people, who voted for fair and open redistricting. I urge you to respond appropriately to this call from the people of New Hampshire. Part of this is a real need for the people to see the maps that you propose before their presentation to the legislature.

Thank you.

Jean Lightfoot, Town of Hopkinton

Article 11: **Resolution for Nonpartisan Fair Redistricting** – Petition Warrant Article Because redistricting has often been used to gerrymander (unfairly draw partisan districts based on partisan considerations), by petition of 25 or more eligible voters of the Town of Hopkinton to see if the Town will vote to urge that the New Hampshire General Court, which is obligated to redraw the maps of political districts within the state following the federal census, will ensure fair and effective representation of New Hampshire voter without gerrymandering. Additionally, these voters ask the Town of Hopkinton to urge the NH General Court to carry out the redistricting in a fair and transparent way through public meetings, not to favor a particular political party, to include communities of interest, and to minimize multi-seat districts. Furthermore, as the New Hampshire State Constitution, Part 2, Article 11 allows towns of sufficient population to have their own state representatives, not shared with other towns, for the town of Hopkinton to petition the NH General Court for its own exclusive seats(s) in the NH House of Representatives, ensuring that State Representatives properly represent the town's interests. The record of the vote approving this article shall be transmitted by written notice from the Select Board to Hopkinton's state legislators, informing them of the requests from their constituents within 30 days of the vote. By Petition (Majority vote required). (The Select Board recommends this article (5-0))