Reprecincting Committee Agenda

City of Newton
In City Council

Monday, October 4, 2021

The Reprecincting Committee will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Monday, October 4, 2021 at 6:30 pm. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85810123767 **or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 858 1012 3767**

Item Scheduled for Discussion:

#322-21 **Requesting discussion and approval of new Ward and Precinct Lines**
CHAIR OF THE REPRECINCTING COMMITTEE, recommending 1) discussion and 2) adoption of a proposed revision to the Ward and Precinct lines for the City to respond to the recent federal census and growth of population, both within the city and within the eight wards.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Lisle Baker, Chair

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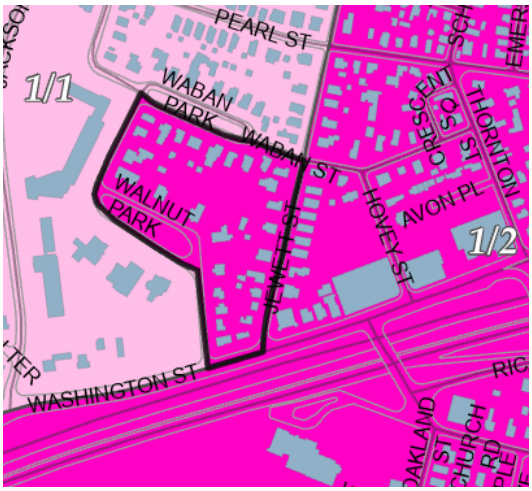
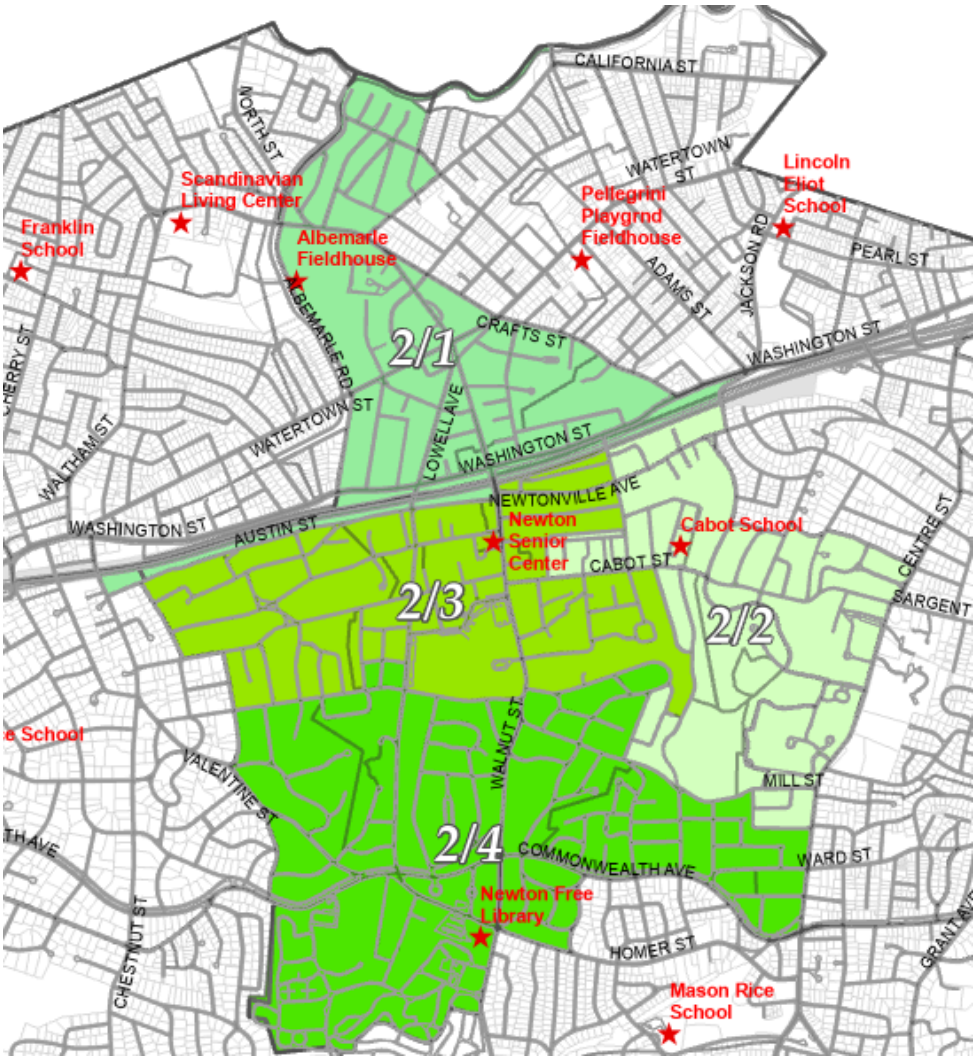
Proposed Precinct Changes for 2020 Redistricting – changed areas outlined in black

Ward 1: - the only change is that the block west of Jewett St and south of Waban Park is moved from 1/1 to 1/2.

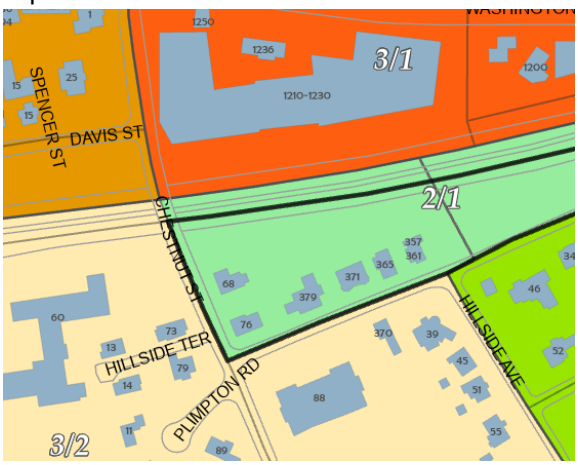


Ward 2:

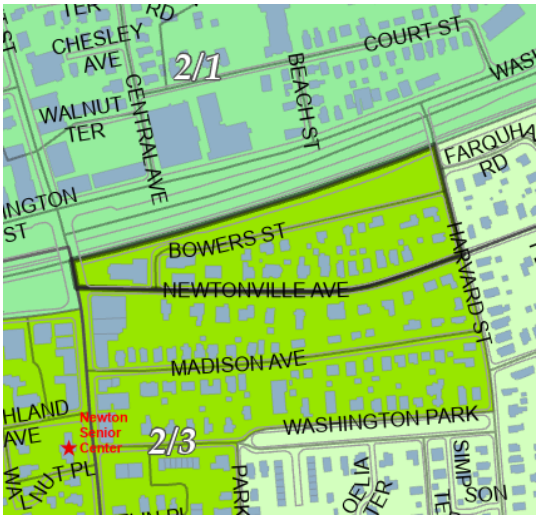
There are numerous changes to Ward 2. Here is the final precinct layout



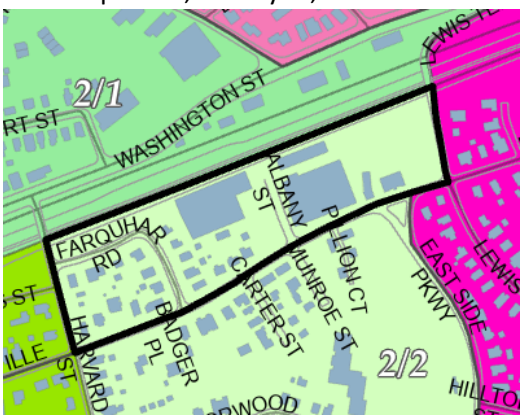
1. This area of Austin St and Chestnut St changes from 3/1 to 2/1 because it is part of a long block that cannot be separated.



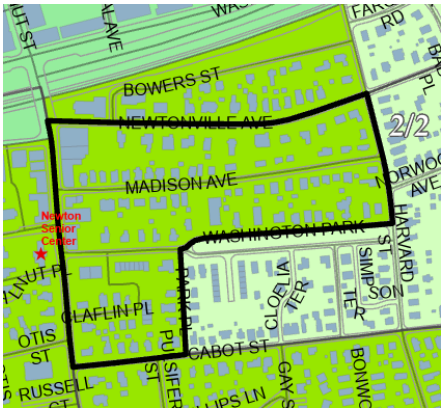
2. The Bowers Street area changes from 2/1 to 2/3



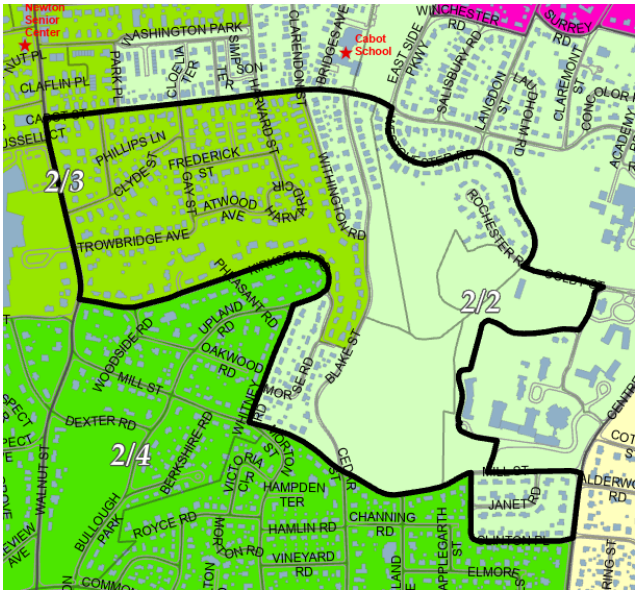
3. The Farquar Rd, Albany St, and Newtonville Ave area changes from 2/1 to 2/2



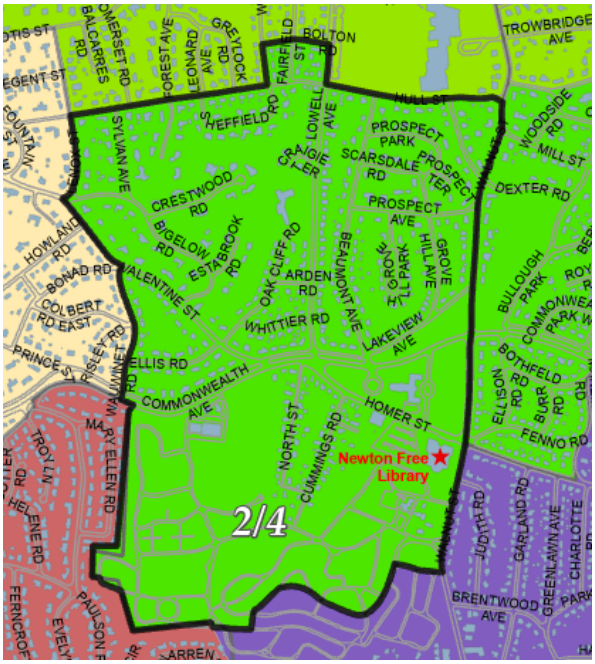
4. These blocks change from 2/2 to 2/3



5. This area changes from 2/4 to 2/3 in the west and 2/2 in the south and east.

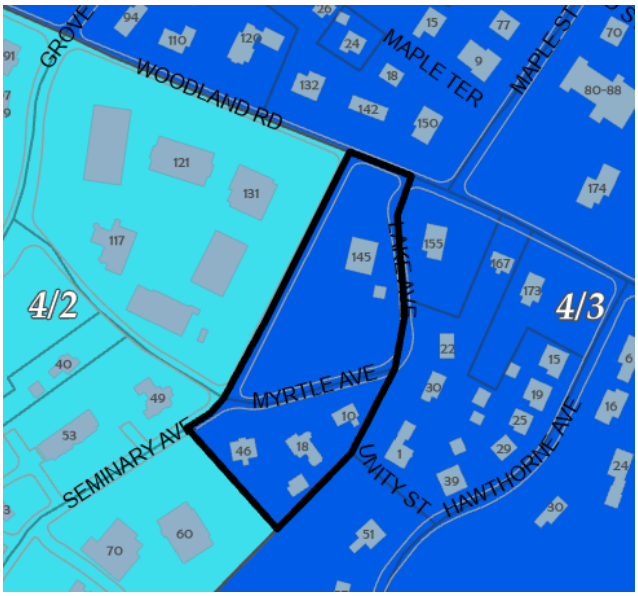


6. This area changes from 2/3 to 2/4.

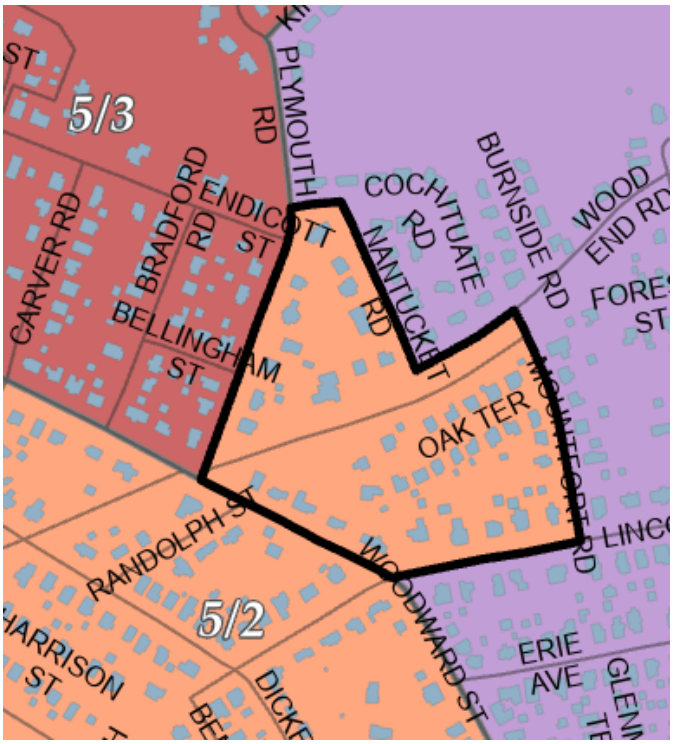


Ward 3: - no changes needed

Ward 4: - the only change is this small area of Lake and Myrtle Avenues from 4/2 to 4/3

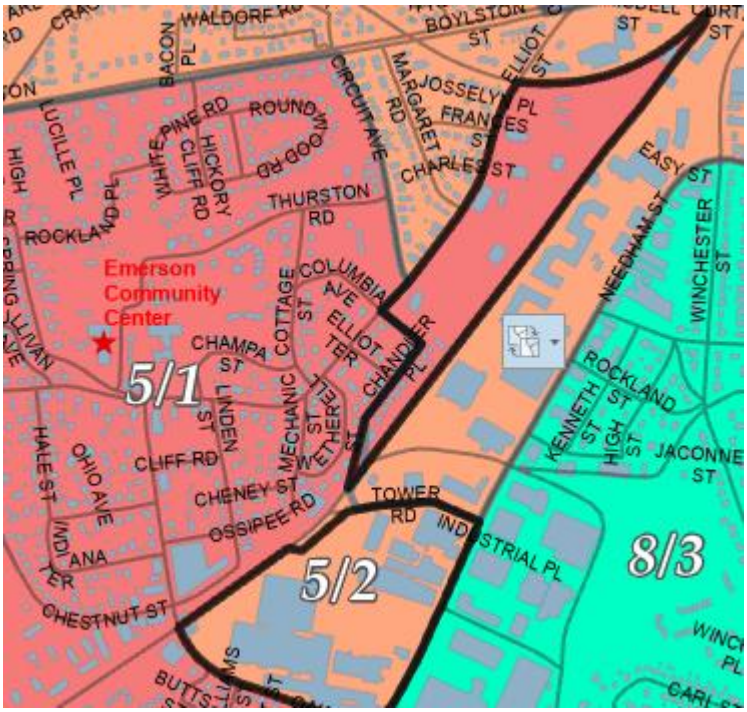


Ward 5: - 1. Two blocks at Oak Terrace, and between Plymouth and Nantucket are moved from 5/3 to 5/2.



2. Two blocks are switched between 5/1 and 5/2 to balance the populations and include all of Chandler Place into the same precinct. The area south of Tower Road is non-residential though the official census figures show 18 residents living there. This will be the site of the Northland project so in the future it may have a significant population.

Note: the oddly shaped block will that includes Chandler Place and includes the Elliot Street DPW yard can be made to look much less like an awkward peninsula on our future maps as the northern section of the block is completely non-residential. For submission to the state however, it will need to retain this shape.



Ward 6: - the only change is that the buildings in the Hamlet that were in 7/1 are moved so the entire complex is in 6/1. This picture illustrates the change.

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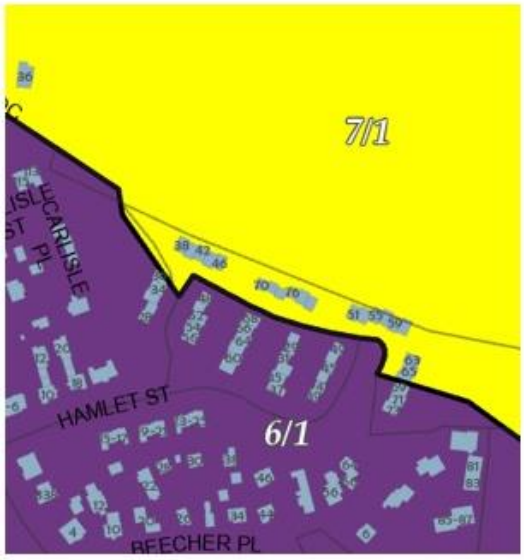

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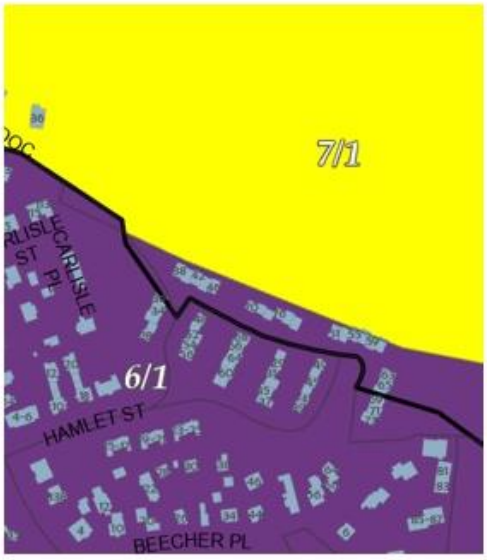
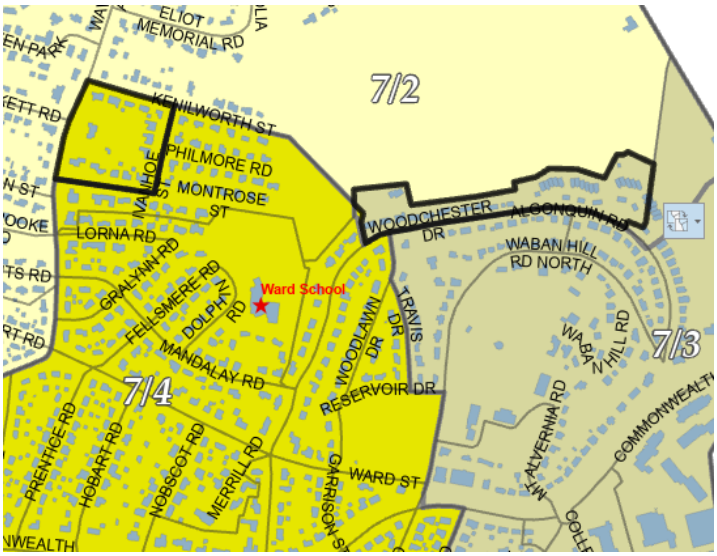
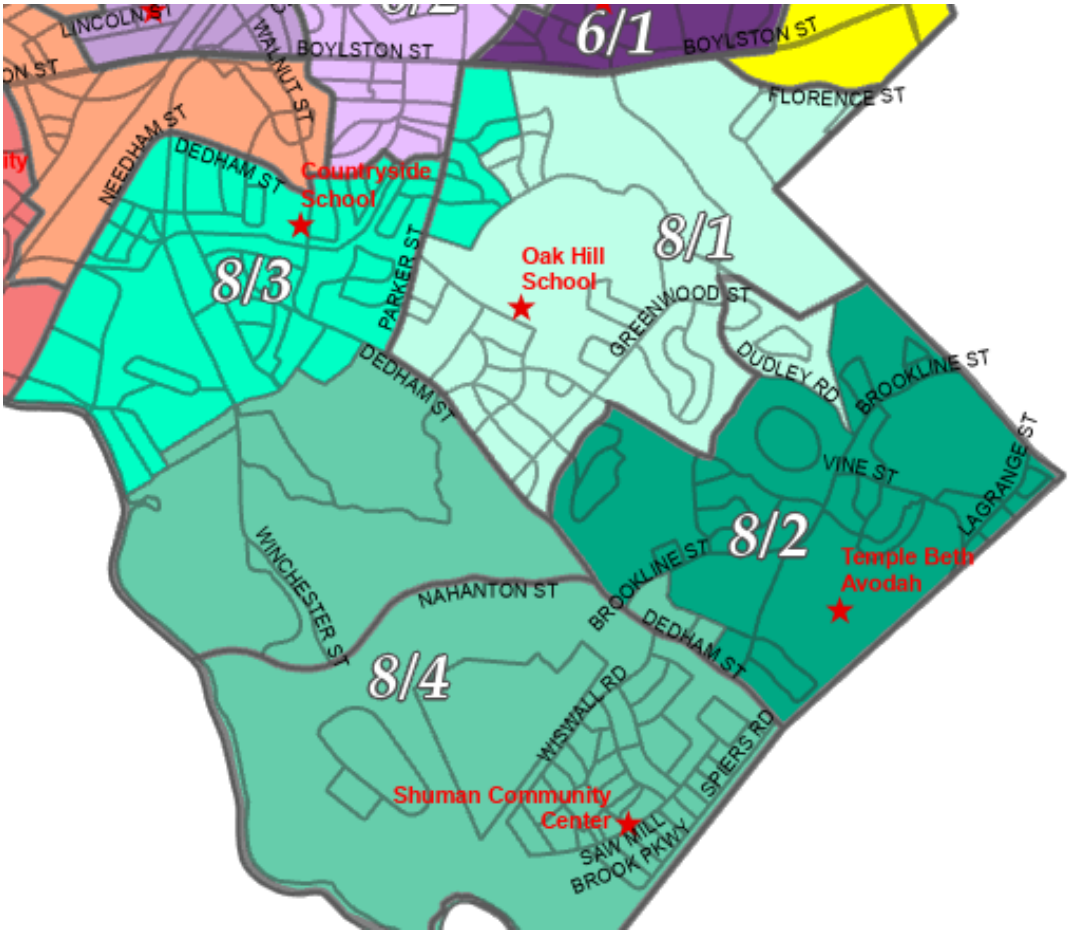


Ward 7: - all of Algonquin Road will now be in 7/3. The block between Kenilworth and Montrose, Ivanhoe and Waverley is moved from 7/2 to 7/4.

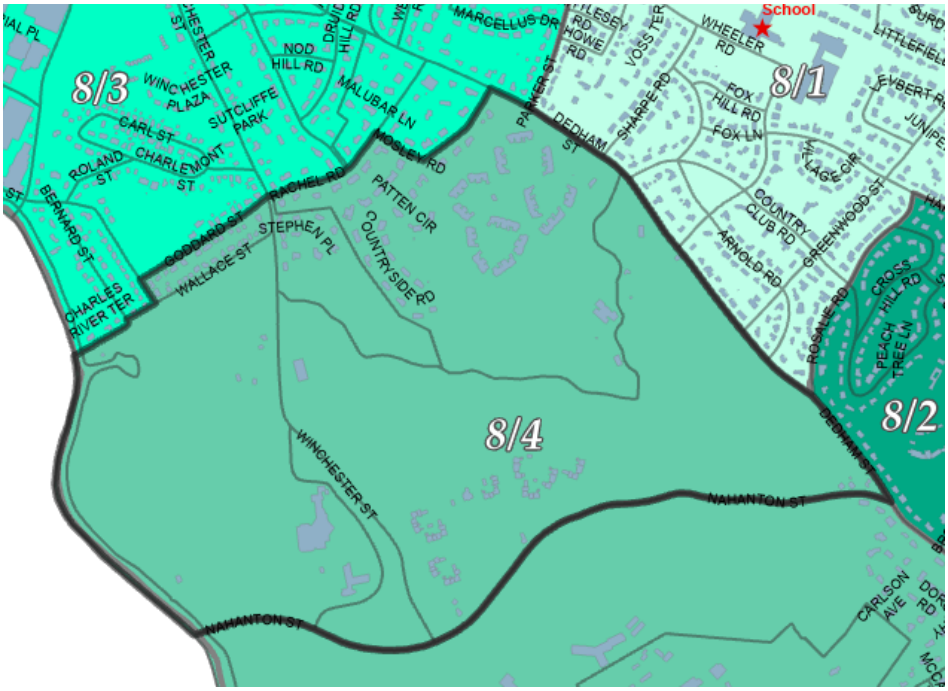


Ward 8: - The precincts of Ward 8 are very out of balance. Precinct 8/4 in the south is very low in population while the others are all very high. Here is the final layout of the Ward.

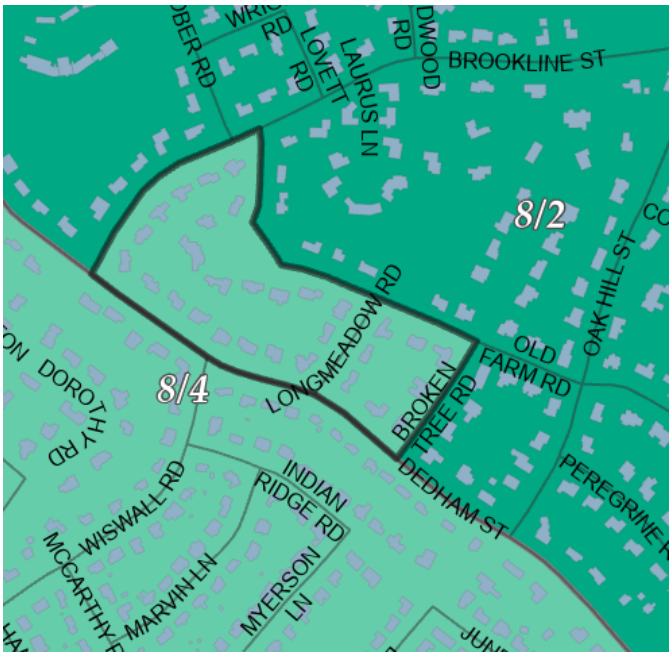


To bring 8/4 up to the minimum population the following areas are added:

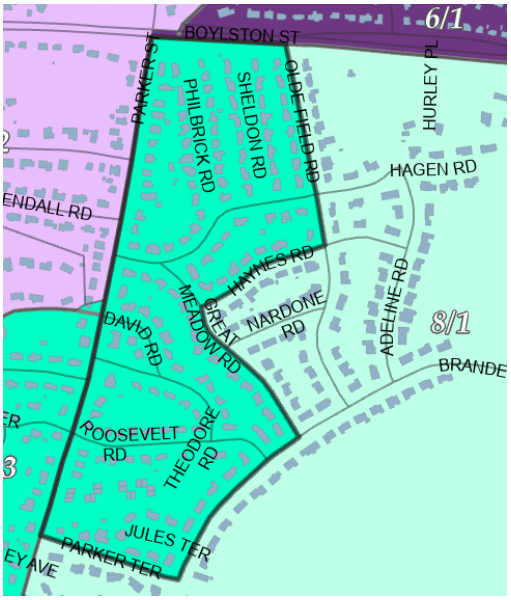
1. From 8/3 to 8/4



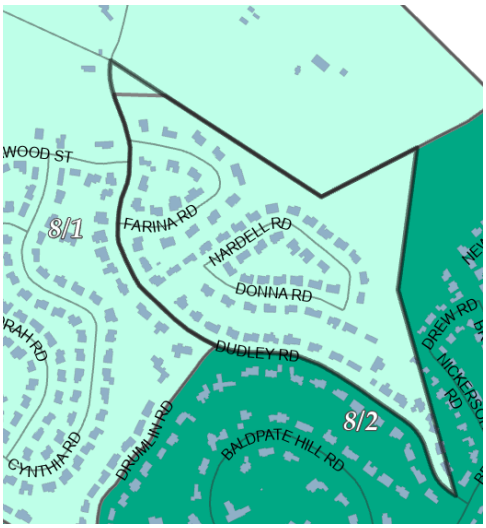
2. Two blocks between Dedham St and Old Farm Road moved from 8/2 to 8/4



3. To make up for the lost population to 8/4, 8/3 gains this area to the east of Parker St.



4. 8/2 is still too big so this area including Donna, Nardell and Farina Roads goes to 8/1



Here are the final precinct populations. Yellow cells are where the population has changed. The minimum allowed precinct population is 2,640 and the maximum is 2,918. Ward populations must be between 10,560 and 11,671.

Ward	Precinct 1	2	3	4	Totals
1	2,816	2,795	2,832	2,876	11,319
2	2,642	2,676	2,715	2,698	10,731
3	2,811	2,742	2,899	2,871	11,323
4	2,720	2,788	2,861	2,715	11,084
5	2,917	2,915	2,820	2,739	11,391
6	2,776	2,779	2,794	2,838	11,187
7	2,695	2,718	2,849	2,724	10,986
8	2,752	2,744	2,740	2,666	10,902
Total Population					88,923