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RULES & RESEARCH COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: The clerk called the roll and recorded it as follows:

PRESENT: Joy Colon, Chairman, Nikki Satin, Vice Chairman, Kelly Mallozzi, Kevin Shively, Dede Robinson, Mike Buswell, Alissa Hall, Alternate, (Not voting) Chris DeCruze, Alternate, (Not voting)

ALSO PRESENT: First Selectman Vicki A. Tesoro, Chief Administrative Officer Cynthia Katske, Town Attorney Schopick, Town Council Chairman Ashley Gaudiano, Town Council members Jason Marsh, Dawn Cantafio, Mary Isaac

*The Chair reserves the right not to vote unless otherwise stated.

1. RESOLUTION TC29-06: Moved by Shively, seconded by Satin
BE IT RESOLVED That Patrick Clark, be and the same is hereby reappointed as a member of the Pension Board for a term extending to the first Monday in December 2025.

Mr. Clark was present and indicated his party affiliation as republican. He has served on the Pension Board since 2016. He owns a registered investment advisory firm in Southport, has experience with investments and knowledge of markets portfolio management. What he enjoyed most about being on the board is seeing the progress and improvement on its funded pension ratios. The board is looking to employ different investments as we face different market challenges going forward. It has been a pleasure to be on the board because everyone works together with a common spirit for the betterment of the pension and for the town. He looks forward to serving again.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

2. RESOLUTION TC29-07: Moved by Robinson, seconded by Shively
BE IT RESOLVED, That Eric Paulson, be and the same is hereby appointed as a member of the Pension Board for a term extending to the first Monday in December 2024.

Mr. Paulson was present and indicated his party affiliation as democrat. In addition to formerly being on the town council, his background is in investment management and was a certified financial planner for many years. He is now a professional trader managing a portfolio of stocks and other investments. Mr. Paulson looks forward to working with the Pension Board and is excited to get started.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

First Selectman Tesoro noted all of the appointments still need to go to the full Council on Thursday for a final vote on each.

3. RESOLUTION TC29-08: Moved by Satin, seconded by Shively
BE IT RESOLVED, That Michael Miller, be and the same is hereby appointed as an alternate member of the Planning & Zoning Commission for a term extending to the first Monday in December 2024.

Attorney Schopick explained there are two vacancies on the commission, one from a resignation and the other is the third alternate seat, which has been vacant for awhile. This appointment does not replace a republican seat, another name can be put forward next month to fill the other seat.

Mr. Miller was present and indicated his party affiliation as democrat. He spent the last two years serving on the town council and wants to stay involved, not only in our community, but as part of how the future is shaped within Trumbull. This seemed like an ideal way to do that.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED 4-1 (AGAINST: Robinson)

4. RESOLUTION TC29-09: Moved by Buswell, seconded by Shively
BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trumbull High School Weight Room/Wellness Center Building Committee is hereby established. (Full Resolution Attached)

Lucinda Timpanelli BOE member was present and explained the weight room had not been renovated since 1974. There is a fundraiser on hold, because it wouldn't be proper to do without a building committee in place. They do have people waiting to make donations, and wanted to get a committee in place so they can move forward. Currently there is \$35,000 allocated for design as approved by the BOF and Council last year in the funding plan. They haven't done anything with that because they cannot. They will look into other sources of funding as well, such as grants and so forth once they are approved as a committee.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

5. RESOLUTION TC29-10: Moved by Mallozzi, seconded by Shively
BE IT RESOLVED, That Kimberly Lombardi, be and the same is hereby appointed as a member of the Trumbull High School Weight Room/Wellness Center Building Committee and is further appointed as its chair.

Ms. Lombardi was present and indicated her party affiliation as unaffiliated. She had three children go through Trumbull High School, all athletes, and she has been involved in the Trumbull Touchdown Club for over 13 years, president for seven. The weight room and the Wellness Center at Trumbull High School has been something we have been fundraising through the Trumbull Touchdown Club for several years. We have had to send the kids to different facilities because our weight room is so small, it's been difficult to keep the kids well trained. If they're not trained properly, it becomes a safety issue on the field. To see this project finally come to fruition has been a passion of hers.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

6. RESOLUTION TC29-11: Moved by Shively, seconded by Mallozzi
BE IT RESOLVED, That John Morello, be and the same is hereby appointed as a member of the Trumbull High School Weight Room/Wellness Center Building Committee.

Mr. Morello was present and indicated his party affiliation as democrat. He currently works for the BOE. He is the Maintenance and Custodial Supervisor. He is a licensed electrician by trade. He has been involved in construction for 25 years. Ultimately, he will be involved in and be responsible for the maintenance of this space. To see it from the ground up would be beneficial from his standpoint as well as his staff's.

Attorney Schopick noted state statute requires that a school building committee have a person on the committee with construction experience, Mr. Morello's position and experience fulfills that requirement.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

7. RESOLUTION TC29-12: Moved by Satin, seconded by Shively
BE IT ESOLVED, That Julie DiMarco, be and the same is hereby appointed as a member of the Trumbull High School Weight Room/Wellness Center Building Committee.

Ms. DiMarco was present and indicated her party affiliation as unaffiliated. She would like to be on this committee because as a graduate of Trumbull High who used to use the weight room and also a parent of a sophomore who's a football player and a basketball player. She feels the Weight Room/Wellness Center is very important, not only to the athletes, but for the student body. Trumbull High offers a weightlifting class to their students. It is not sufficient that the weight room hasn't been updated since the late 70's. She spends additional money for her son's training because he does not have the proper equipment to work out in at Trumbull High. She has fundraised greatly for the Touchdown Club, whether it was for the scoreboard, or securing all the advertising and field signs as well the spray painted tees across town. She would be more than willing and happy to help fundraise for this project to ensure future students and athletes can have a better wellness facility not only

for them to be better athletes, but also for mental health.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

8. RESOLUTION TC29-13: Moved by Buswell, seconded by Mallozzi
BE IT RESOLVED, That Mark Sitar, be and the same is hereby appointed as a member of the Trumbull High School Weight Room/Wellness Center Building Committee.

Mr. Sitar was present and indicated his party affiliation as Republican. He is a proud 1978 graduate of Trumbull High School and was also a member of Trumbull High School's first state champion football team in 1977. The facility is definitely in need of upgrading. We need to give our kids the tools to compete and be competitive in all sports at Trumbull High School. This will help them be successful in their future endeavors.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

9. RESOLUTION TC29-14: Moved by Robinson, seconded by Satin
BE IT RESOLVED, That Mike Buswell, be and the same is hereby appointed as a Town Council representative to the Trumbull High School Weight Room/Wellness Center Building Committee.

Mr. Buswell a Town Council member was present and indicated he was born and raised in Trumbull, his father attended THS. He is the youngest of four siblings, all his siblings played sports, and he followed in their footsteps. We are very familiar with the weight room. He hoped it was renovated when the high school renovation was done. He volunteered to serve because he thinks it's incredibly important, we have a massive High School. The gym teachers and all of our sports teams need a state of the art Wellness Center. It's definitely time to update.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

10. RESOLUTION TC29-15: Moved by Mallozzi, seconded by Satin
BE IT RESOLVED, That Thomas Whitmoyer, be and the same is hereby appointed as a Town Council representative to the Trumbull High School Weight Room/Wellness Center Building Committee.

Mr. Whitmoyer a Town Council member was present.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

11. RESOLUTION TC29-16: Moved by Satin, seconded by Robinson
BE IT RESOLVED, That Lucinda Timpanelli, be and the same is hereby appointed as the Board of Education representative to the Trumbull High School Weight Room/Wellness Center Building Committee.

Ms. Timpanelli was present and indicated her party affiliation as democrat. She is hopeful this committee can be established because, as Mr. Buswell said previously, this was

supposed to be done during the THS renovation but it was one of the four items that did not come to pass. It really, needs to be done and would be happy if they can start now.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

12. RESOLUTION TC29-17: Moved by Robinson, seconded by Satin
BE IT RESOLVED, That Marc Mascola, be and the same is hereby reappointed as an alternate member of the Board of Finance for a term extending to the first Monday in December 2024.

Mr. Mascola was present and indicated his party affiliation as republican. He has served on the BOF as an alternate for the last several years and thoroughly enjoyed his time there. The board made significant progress in collaboration with the BOE, as well as the other town departments. He thinks he brings extensive experience and enjoys helping.

It was noted there are two resolutions which name two people for the same BOF alternate seat, the full Town Council on Thursday will decide who will fill the position. The committee would hear the next nominee.

Moved by Shively, seconded by Satin to pass without recommendation.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

13. RESOLUTION TC29-18: Moved by Mallozzi, seconded by Robinson
BE IT RESOLVED, That Lori Rosasco-Schwartz, be and the same is hereby appointed as an alternate member of the Board of Finance for a term extending to the first Monday in December 2024.

Ms. Rosasco-Schwartz was present and indicated her party affiliation as republican. She is a CPA who has worked in accounting and finance for 38 years. She started her career as an auditor at Price Waterhouse Coopers and spent the remainder of her career working for multinational and Fortune 500 companies. She served as a corporate controller, manager of budgets, financial planning and analysis and is currently the director of advisory service for Pitney Bowes, which is multinational, ecommerce and technology company. She served four terms on the Town Council and was an active member of the Finance committee and served on the committee as vice chair. During her eight years on the Council, she gained a thorough working knowledge of the town budget, and the workings of the town finances. She participated in many of the BOF budget hearings. She's interested in continuing to give back to the community. She has served as an active volunteer most of her whole adult life. She's been on the PTA and PTSA Council. She has been on a number of service trips to Appalachia, rebuilding homes for the disadvantaged. She has been a Girl Scout leader, Junior Achievement instructor, manager of youth soccer teams, catechism instructor, as well as serving on Council for eight years. Her professional background coupled with her knowledge of the town finances, will allow her to hit the ground running, and hopes she will be considered. She likes to give back to the community she grew up in.

Moved by Shively, seconded by Mallozzi to pass without recommendation.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

14. RESOLUTION TC29-19: Moved by Buswell, seconded by Robinson
BE IT RESOLVED, That Christopher DeCruze, be and the same is hereby appointed as a Town Council representative to the Aquatics Facilities Building Committee.

Mr. DeCruze, a Town Council member was present and indicated his party affiliation as republican. He is interested in ensuring that the town residents and students have a good facility for their aquatic recreation. He has a background in engineering and way back he was a lifeguard and thinks both of those things are relevant.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

15. RESOLUTION TC29-20: Moved by Robinson, seconded by Mallozzi
BE IT RESOLVED, That Mike Buswell, be and the same is hereby appointed as a Town Council representative to the Community Facilities Building Committee.

Mr. Buswell a Town Council member was present and indicated he is familiar with all of the buildings. He attended Daniels Farm, Hillcrest, and THS, his wife teaches at Frenchtown Elementary school. He has always had a strong interest in the exterior and interior of all of our buildings and their being in great shape for all of our residents. He would love to be able to learn more about town buildings and being a help in any way possible.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

16. RESOLUTION TC29-21: Moved by Mallozzi, seconded by Satin
BE IT RESOLVED, That Chris Bandecchi, be and the same is hereby appointed as the Board of Education representative to the Middlebrook School Roof Building Committee.

Mr. Bandecchi was not present and it was not known whether he will be able to attend the full Council meeting. The Chair noted Mr. Bandecchi is currently an elected member of the BOE, this resolution would appoint him as the BOE representative for the roof committee.

Moved by Shively, seconded by Satin to pass without recommendation.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

17. RESOLUTION TC29-22: Moved by Satin, seconded by Shively
BE IT RESOLVED, That the 2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee be and the same is hereby established. (Full Resolution Attached)

Attorney Schopick requested an amendment, because April 4 report date contained in the resolution is the April meeting of the Town Council. In order to comply with state statute in terms of redistricting, redistricting needs to be in place by May 11, which is 90 days prior to the August 8 primary. In order for that to happen it would be beneficial for the report to come in sometime during the month of March so the committee could consider it prior to the to the April 4 meeting. He suggested March 15, 2022 as the date and the resolution be

passed as emergency legislation at the full Council meeting so the Redistricting Committee can get started.

Moved by Shively, seconded by Mallozzi to amend bullet #5 by striking the date and inserting March 15, said bullet to read as:

5. "The said Committee shall render its final report to the Council no later than March 15, 2022."

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED as amended by unanimous consent.

18. RESOLUTION TC29-23: Moved by Shively, seconded by Robinson
BE IT RESOLVED, That Tony Scinto, be and the same is hereby appointed as a Town Council representative to the 2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee.

Mr. Scinto a Town Council member was present and indicated Mr. Massaro had put his name forth, he has experience because he has served on this committee three times.

Mr. Shively indicated he would be voting against the resolution. He was on the 2020 Redistricting Committee with Mr. Scinto and unfortunately, his behavior elicited an ethics complaint and a reprimand from the Ethics Commission for defaming a member of our community that was volunteering his time and services in support of the town. Furthermore, it his personal experience, that Mr. Scinto's participation in that committee, made the work of the committee materially more difficult than it needed to be. He doesn't see any reason why his participation going forward would be any different than it was the last time, unfortunately he will oppose the resolution.

The called the roll call vote and recorded it as follows:

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN
Nicole Satin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kelly Mallozzi	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kevin Shively	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dede Robinson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mike Buswell	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTE: Motion FAILED 2-3 (AGAINST: Satin, Mallozzi, Shively)

19. RESOLUTION TC29-24: Moved by Robinson, seconded by Mallozzi
BE IT RESOLVED, That Alissa Hall, be and the same is hereby appointed as a Town Council representative to the 2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee.

Ms. Hall a Town Council representative was present and indicated her party affiliation as democrat. She has been on the board for Civil Services for the prior three years. She would like to serve to ensure that there's equity among this districts of Trumbull.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

20. RESOLUTION TC29-25: Moved by Buswell, seconded by Satin

BE IT RESOLVED, That Laurel Anderson, be and the same is hereby appointed as a member of the 2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee, and is further appointed as its chair.

Ms. Anderson was present and indicated her party affiliation as democrat. She was a member and served as chair on the 2020 Redistricting Committee. She has a lifelong passion for things to do with elections, fairness and access. She would be very happy to continue the process of redistricting. Mr. Shively spoke in favor of the resolution.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

21. RESOLUTION TC29-26: Moved by Satin, seconded by Mallozzi

BE IT RESOLVED, That Thomas Kelly, be and the same is hereby appointed as a member of the 2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee.

Mr. Kelly was present and indicated his party affiliation as democrat. He served on the 2020 Redistricting Committee along with Laurel Anderson, Mr. Scinto and Kevin Shively. He thinks they do a good job. This has to be done in short order and would like to serve.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

22. RESOLUTION TC29-27: Moved by Robinson, seconded by Shively

BE IT RESOLVED, That Mark Block, be and the same is hereby appointed as a member of the 2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee.

Mr. Block was present and indicated his party affiliation as republican. He would like to serve because the location of our district lines decide which voters vote for which representatives. Changing the lines can change the relevant voters, identity, and potentially the priorities of the community. We have a lot of work to do in a very short period of time, and it's in our hands to establish lines that are truly representative of all the voters.

VOTE: Motion CARRIED by unanimous consent.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to discuss and upon motion made by Satin, seconded by Shively the Rules & Research Committee adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret D. Mastroni
Town Council Clerk

FULL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION TC29-09: BE IT RESOLVED, That the Trumbull High School Weight Room/Wellness Center Building Committee is hereby established to plan and oversee construction of the weight room/wellness center and related improvements at Trumbull High School; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the membership of the Trumbull High School Weight Room/Wellness Center Building Committee shall consist of two (2) Town Council members, provided that such members shall not be from the same political party, one (1) Board of Education member and four (4) electors of the Town of Trumbull.

RESOLUTION TC29-22: BE IT RESOLVED, That

1. The 2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee be and the same is hereby established;
2. The said Committee shall consist of seven (7) members comprising the two (2) Registrars of Voters, two (2) Town Council members, one from each political party, and three (3) electors of the Town of Trumbull;
3. The said Committee shall recommend to the Town Council a redistricting plan comprising voting districts of substantially equal populations, including the specific boundary lines of each of those districts;
4. The said Committee shall hold its organizational meeting no later than February 1, 2022; and;
5. The said Committee shall render its final report to the Council no later than April 4, 2022.

