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2020 Trumbull Redistricting
Committee

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2020 Trumbull Redistricting Committee February 26, 2020 MINUTES

The 2020 Trumbull Redistricting Committee meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairperson Laurel Anderson

Members present: Laurel Anderson
Tom Kelly
Kevin Shively
Tony Scinto

Also present: First Selectman Vicki Tesoro
Anthony D'Aquila
Stephen Lemoine

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

No public comment.

New Business

- Establish broad and specific structure of committee work and final report

Ms. Anderson read from the Town Council's resolution TC28-34, which created the Committee, as follows:

The ... Committee shall consist of five members comprising the two Registrars of Voters, two Town Council members, one from each political party, and one elector of the Town of Trumbull;

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;

The said Committee shall hold its organizational meeting no later than March 20, 2020; and

The said Committee shall render its final report to the Council no later than May 4, 2020.

She proposed that the Committee begin by calling experts in redistricting, geographic information systems (GIS), mapping, and legal considerations, then review the data and other presented information, and then write the Committee's report or reports (majority and minority if so voted) for the Town Council. Ms. Anderson proposed asking Richard White, head of research and development at LightBox, to be the first expert witness.

During discussion, Committee member Scinto presented a printout of the Town's 2010 census-block map and will try to get another version with street names overlaid. The committee will seek advice on whether or not census blocks had to be kept intact and the impact of one-man-one-vote on the number and size of districts. The committee discussed whether or not another person could be added to the Committee to fill in for Registrar Bill Holden, who resigned his appointment before the Committee's first meeting. On this last question, Ms. Anderson referred the Committee to its charge, and said that it appeared that the only way to make the substitution would be for the Town Council to amend the resolution as the position of Registrar, and not an individual, was appointed. The Committee members also noted that with the Town Charter requiring that the Town Council be composed of 21 members, the only way to insure that each district have the same number of Council representatives is to have 1, 3 or 7 districts; and there will probably be no way to avoid having a split district on the east side of town in what is now District 2, for 122 and 123 State Representative districts.

- Establish number of meetings to be held and meeting dates, times and location

After discussion, the Committee agreed unanimously to the following schedule: all meetings to be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.; expert witnesses to be invited for March 4 and March 11; data review to start March 18, with follow-up meetings April 1, April 8, April 15 and April 22 if necessary. Ms. Anderson will try to reserve the Long Hill Room at Town Hall for these meetings.

Adjournment

On a motion by Tom Kelly, seconded by Kevin Shively, Laurel Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Rabinow
Clerk of the Committee