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2020 TRUMBULL REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

LAUREL ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN
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2020 Trumbull Redistricting Committee Zoom On-Line Meeting June 16, 2020 MINUTES

The 2020 Trumbull Redistricting Committee meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chairperson Laurel Anderson.

Members present: Laurel Anderson
Tom Kelly
Kevin Shively
Tony Scinto

Also present: Town Attorney Daniel Schopick
Steven Earley
Michael Levine
Bill Chin

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Minutes

Tom Kelly moved, and Kevin Shively seconded, that the Minutes of the May 23, 2020, Redistricting Committee meeting be approved as submitted; the vote in favor was unanimous.

Discuss and Review Draft Report

It was the sense of the meeting that the "Summary of Guidelines used by the Committee" section should have periods at the end of each guideline.

The Committee had no changes to suggest in any of the other sections except the "Proposed Redistricting Plan."

In the "Proposed Redistricting Plan" section, the Committee wants to make sure that the language is "one-person-one-vote" rather than "one-man-one-vote." There was extensive discussion of the revised boundary descriptions and the revised map. Tony Scinto noted that particularly in proposed District 7, if the polling place returns to its former location (Frenchtown Road School), there will still be a long drive from the northern part of the district

to the polling place; Kevin Shively pointed out that the location of any polling place is not up to the Redistricting Committee and that poll location is not part of the Committee's charge from the Town Council.

On a proposal from Kevin Shively, it was the sense of the meeting that a concluding paragraph should be added at the end of the Report about how the committee dealt with the number of districts it will be recommending. With input from the other Committee members, Laurel Anderson suggested the following language: "The committee deliberations focused on the charge it was given and did not examine or make recommendations about the merits of the current 4 district versus 7 district voting structure. During deliberations the only options we identified that would achieve substantially equal districts for a 21 seat Town Council would be one voting district, three voting districts or seven voting districts. The committee unanimously agreed that the best of those options was seven districts to meet the requirements placed upon the committee by the Town Council."

The Committee decided that the attachments to the final Report should include the final version of the boundary descriptions, the final map, and a copy of state statute C.G.S. 9-169, and that the map should be titled "Proposed Voting Districts Dated June x, 2020," with the x representing the date of the Committee's final meeting. Steve Earley agreed to do a final review of the map, and Laurel Anderson agreed to draft a revised version of the Report. The Committee instructed the Clerk to submit the final Report and final Map for posting with the next Committee Agenda. Town Attorney Dan Schopick advised that the Report and its attachments should be submitted to the Town Council early enough for them to consider it at their next meeting, on July 9; and that once the Report and addenda are submitted, it will be up to the Town Council to decide what should be posted and when that should happen.

Set New Meeting Date:

Laurel Anderson suggested that the Committee's final meeting be scheduled for next week, and asked Bill Chin what evenings were available for Zoom conferences; Bill said that June 24, 25 and 26 were available. Dan Schopick reminded the Committee the June 24 was when the Charter Revision Commission will be meeting. It was the unanimous sense of the Committee that the next meeting should be on June 25.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Adjournment

On a motion by Tom Kelly, seconded by Kevin Shively, and agreed to unanimously, Laurel Anderson adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Rabinow
Clerk of the Committee