2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 10, 2022  5:30 p.m.
Via Zoom

AGENDA

2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee Meeting
Feb 10, 2022  5:30 PM
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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Public Comment
5. Approval of Jan 24, 2022 and January 31, 2022 meeting minutes
6. New Business
   a. Review and discuss draft of district boundary descriptions provided by
      Steve Earley and any suggested map/boundary changes.
   b. Determine focus of next meeting and what documents are needed.
7. Old Business
8. Adjournment

Next meeting – Monday February 14, 2022
Town of Trumbull
2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting – Zoom Videoconferencing

A regularly scheduled meeting of the 2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee of the Town of Trumbull was held via videoconferencing on Thursday, January 24, 2022.

Attendance

Members Present:  Laurel Anderson, Committee Chairman
                Jean Rabinow, Democratic Registrar of Voters
                Tracy Vonick, Republican Registrar of Voters
                Alissa Hall, Town Council District 3
                Tom Kelly, Elector
                Mark Block, Elector

Members Absent:  None.

Also Present:    Vicki A. Tesoro – First Selectman
                Steven Earley – Expert Volunteer
                Richard White – Expert Volunteer
                Dan Schopick – Town Attorney
                William Chin – Director of Information Technology
                Gia Mentillo – Committee Clerk

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Opportunity for Public Comment

None.

Approval of Jan 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

MOTION MADE (Block), seconded (Rabinow) to postpone the approval of the January 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes to the January 31, 2022 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 6-0  Motion Carried

New Business

Review District Revision Options Created by Richard White

Richard White stated that he utilized the criteria provided by the Committee in the previous meeting to draft two new voting district maps for Trumbull. White began sharing his screen with the Committee and explained to them the approach he took when creating both maps, stating that
he began working from the House district boundaries each time in an attempt to limit the number of split voting districts in Town.

White presented “Plan 1” which showed voting districts with populations near-perfectly equal to one-another (approximately 5,200 people per district). Though the plan only had two split districts, there was a significant issue in the fact that one of the voting districts was split three ways, meaning there were three different house districts represented in the one voter district. White presented “Plan 2” which showed roughly equal population for each district, though there was more variation amongst districts than “Plan 1.” Though this plan included three split districts, each was only split two ways.

The Committee agreed to utilize “Plan 2” as a starting point for their redistricting process as it appeared to be closest to their end goal. Vonick requested that White share a copy of “Plan 2” with committee members so that they could review it more thoroughly before the next meeting. White confirmed that he would be able to do so, noting that he would print a copy which shows the population for each census block to ensure the Committee has all the necessary information when attempting to redraw boundaries.

The Committee discussed possible ways the draft could be amended to better reach their goals, and stated that they would all review the draft and bring their thoughts back to the next meeting.

Discussion of / Agreement on Document / Data Requirements

Rabinow stated that she felt the compactness of the districts should be less of a priority than obtaining equal population for each district and minimizing the number of splits districts. Vonick voiced agreement with this but noted that he would be willing to allow a greater deviation to population size if such deviation could significantly enhance the layout of a district.

The Committee agreed to strive to limit split districts to two splits.

Earley noted that he would be living the hard copies of “Plan 2” at the reception desk of Trumbull Town Hall for committee members to pick up.

Other Information and Points of Clarification

Anderson asked the Committee if they required anything other than a hard copy of “Plan 2” prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting. Block requested a copy of the 2012 Trumbull Redistricting Committee Report.

First Selectman Tesoro noted that all materials from that committee should be posted on the website which was specially made for the committee at the time.

Determine Focus of Next Meeting

Vonick asked White and the Committee whether they felt they would benefit from having additional time to review “Plan 2” and propose changes. The Committee and White confirmed this to be true.
MOTION MADE (Vonick), seconded (Rabinow) to cancel the 2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 27, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 6-0 Motion Carried

Old Business

None.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:36p.m. by Block and seconded by Rabinow. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gia Mentillo
2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee Clerk
Town of Trumbull
2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 31, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting – Zoom Videoconferencing

A regularly scheduled meeting of the 2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee of the Town of Trumbull was held via videoconferencing on Monday, January 31, 2022.

Attendance

Members Present: Laurel Anderson, Committee Chairman
Jean Rabinow, Democratic Registrar of Voters
Tracy Vonick, Republican Registrar of Voters
Alissa Hall, Town Council District 3
Tom Kelly, Elector
Mark Block, Elector

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Vicki A. Tesoro, Trumbull First Selectman
Richard White, Expert Volunteer
Steve Early, Expert Volunteer
Stephen Lemoine
Dan Schopick, Town Attorney
William Chin, Director of Information Technology
Gia Mentillo, Committee Clerk

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Opportunity for Public Comment
None.

Approval of Jan 13, 2022 and Jan 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes
MOTION MADE (Block), seconded (Rabinow) to approve the January 13, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
Vote: 6-0 Motion Carried

MOTION MADE (Block), seconded (Rabinow) to approve the January 20, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.
Vote: 6-0 Motion Carried

New Business
Anderson introduced Stephen Lemoine as future Committee member, yet to be formally appointed. He thanked the Committee for having him, noting that he prepared for the meeting by reviewing previous meeting minutes and the current map being discussed.
Review New District Revision Options from Richard White

White began by sharing his screen and reviewing where the Committee left off in the map drafting process on the January 24th meeting which focused around the draft entitled “Plan 1.” White then shared two new drafts he created based off feedback from that meeting.

White shared the first of the two new drafts entitled “Plan 2,” showing a nearly perfect population distribution amongst all 7 voting districts. He explained that Plan 2 shows three split voting districts (districts 4, 6, and 7), each of which is split amongst two house districts. White compared this to Plan 1 which had two split voting districts, one of which was split amongst three house districts. White then compared Plan 2 to Trumbull’s existing voting district layout, highlighting minimal changes to districts 1, 2, 6, and 7, no change in district 3, and significant changes to districts 4 and 5.

White shared the second of the two new drafts entitled “Plan 3,” again showing a nearly perfect population distribution amongst all 7 voting districts. He explained that Plan 3 again shows three split voting districts (districts 4, 5, and 7), each split amongst two house districts. White then compared Plan 3 to Trumbull’s existing voting district layout, noting that this plan entails some level of change to every district with the most occurring in voting district 4, 5, and 6.

Block asked for confirmation that most of the issues encountered in redrawing district lines occurs in the South, West portion of Trumbull. White confirmed this to be true, noting that it is mostly due to the placement of House District boundaries.

White then shared two drafts created based on input directly from Vonick who explained that he encountered issues similar to that of White in the sense that it is extremely difficult to limit the number of split voting district to two as exemplified by his second draft, entitled “Plan TV2.” While this draft managed to limit the number of split voting districts to two, the geographical extent of each district was significantly altered and the result was very oddly shaped voting districts. Rabinow stated that she would prefer having three split voting district with more compact geographical extents rather than a scenario where there are oddly shaped districts. Chairman Anderson and Block voiced agreement with this. Block stated that it seems having three split voting districts affords more options and opportunities than attempting to limit the Town to two split districts.

Block stated that he would like to utilize Plan 3 as presented by Richard White for the basis of future conversations. Rabinow, Vonick, and Block voiced support for this.

Discussion of / Agreement on Document / Data Requirements

Chairman Anderson reminded the Committee that it has been common practice in the past for them to work to limit the number of streets split into multiple voting districts (i.e. one side of the street is in one district while the other is in another). She stated that she would like the Committee to work to limit such instances to only main roads in Town. The Committee voiced support for this but acknowledged it may not be possible in all instances.
Rabinow stated that, where split districts occur, she would like to keep the split as balanced as possible. Meaning, if a voting district has two house districts within it, then each house district should have as close to equal population to the other as possible.

Other Information and Points of Clarification

The Committee clarified that they will be reviewing the draft map entitled Plan 3 prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting where it will be utilized as a basis for discussion.

Determine Focus of Next Meeting

Chairman Anderson asked if it would be helpful to the Committee to have a hard copy of the Plan 3 to review prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting or if they’d prefer a digital copy.

The Committee voiced that they would like to receive hard copies. Earley said that he could have hard copies to Tall Hall by the following day (2/1/2022).

Block asked if the copies could include information on points of interest in Town, noting schools and housing developments. White stated that he would include schools on the map to be shared.

The Chairman stated that once a rough draft is agreed upon by the Committee, then they can begin looking at more detailed information to further refine the new district boundaries.

Old Business

None.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:36p.m. by Block and seconded by Rabinow. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gia Mentillo
2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee Clerk
District 1
Northerly: The Monroe town line.
Easterly: The Shelton town line, Booth Hill Road, each in part.
Southerly: Strobel Road, Pinewood Trail, Bear Den Road, Hemlock Trail, Strobel Road again, northerly along Booth Hill Brook, Oldfield Road, Old Stream Lane, Brookhedge Road, Brookside Drive, Country Club Road, Daniels Farm Road, Rte 25 Expressway, each in part.
Westerly: Rte 25 Expressway, Pequonnock River, Old Mine Road, Monroe Turnpike (Rte 111), each in part.

District 2
Northerly: Country Club Road, Brookside Drive, Brookhedge Road, Old Stream Lane, Oldfield Road, southerly along Booth Hill Brook to Strobel Road, Strobel Road, Booth Hill Road, the Shelton town line, each in part.
Easterly: Wild Rose Lane, Foxwood Road, Ironwood Road, Copper Kettle Road, Red Fox Lane, Primrose Drive, Huntington Turnpike (Rte 108), each in part.
Southerly: Unity Road, Merritt Parkway (Rte 15), each in part.
Westerly: Reservoir Avenue, along the line of the 134th State Assembly District, White Plains Road (Rte 127), Daniels Farm Road, each in part.

District 3
Northerly: Monroe town line.
Easterly: Monroe Turnpike (Rte 111), Old Mine Road, Pequonnock River, Rte 25 Expressway, each in part.
Southerly: Whitney Avenue, Main Street (Rte 111), Stonehouse Road, West Rock Road, Fieldcrest Drive, Old Coach Lane, Wedgewood Road, Asbury Road, Dayton Road, Old Village Lane, Limerick Road, Cromwell Road, Madison Avenue, Monitor Hill, Mariner Circle, Inverness Road, Deepdene Road, each in part.
Westerly: Easton town line.

District 4
Northerly: Deepdene Road, Inverness Road, Mariner Circle, Monitor Hill, Madison Avenue, Cromwell Road, Limerick Road, Old Village Lane, Dayton Road, Asbury Road, Wedgewood Road, Meadow View Drive, North Lynnwood Drive, Oakland Drive, Clemens Avenue, Ridgeview Avenue, Home Street, George Street, Lake Avenue, each in part.
Easterly: Main Street (Rte 111).
Southerly: Bassick Road, Blackhouse Road, Madison Avenue, Fairview Avenue, each in part.
Westerly: The Easton town line.
District 5

Northerly:  Fairview Avenue, Madison Avenue, Blackhouse Road, Bassick Road, Main Street (Rte 111), Melrose Avenue, Edison Road, Woolsey Avenue, Thorburn Avenue, Moorland Road, Suzanne Circle, Lawrence Road, Geraldine Circle, Geraldine Place, each in part.

Easterly:  Reservoir Avenue.

Southerly:  The Bridgeport town line.

Westerly:  Fairfield Town Line, Easton Town Line, each in part.

District 6

Northerly:  Old Coach Lane, Fieldcrest Drive, West Rock Road, Stonehouse Road, Main Street (Rte 111), Whitney Avenue, each in part.

Easterly:  Rte 25 Expressway, Daniels Farm Road, White Plains Road, along the line of the 134th State Assembly District, Reservoir Avenue, each in part.

Southerly:  Geraldine Place, Geraldine Circle, Lawrence Road, Suzanne Circle, Moorland Road, Thorburn Avenue, Woolsey Avenue, Edison Road, Melrose Avenue, each in part.

Westerly:  Main Street (Rte 111), Lake Avenue, George Street, Home Street, Ridgeview Avenue, Clemens Avenue, Oakland Drive, North Lynnwood Drive, Meadow View Drive, Wedgewood Road, each in part.

District 7

Northerly:  Merritt Parkway (Rte 15), Unity Road, Huntington Turnpike (Rte 108), Primrose Drive, Red Fox Lane, Copper Kettle Road, Ironwood Road, Foxwood Road, Wild Rose Lane, each in part.

Easterly:  The Stratford town line.

Southerly:  The Bridgeport town line.

Westerly:  Reservoir Avenue.
Trumbull Redistricting 2022 – District 3

District 3
Census Blocks: 78
Population: 5255

Trumbull Redistricting 2022 – District 3

House Districts
Blocks by Town Districts (Plan 2)

- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- District 5
- District 6
- District 7

Points of Interest
- Schools
- Police / Fire / EMS
- Town Facility
- Parks and Rec
- Parks
- Churches
- Business Area

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Trumbull Redistricting 2022 – District 7

District 7
Census Blocks: 19
Population: 5,239

Points of Interest
- School
- Police / Fire / EMS
- Town Hall
- Parks and Rec
- Park
- Church
- Business Area

House Districts
Blocks by Town Districts (Plan 2)

- District 1
- District 2
- District 3
- District 4
- District 5
- District 6
- District 7

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Easterly: Rte 25 Expressway, Daniels Farm Road, White Plains Road, along the line of the 134th State Assembly District, Reservoir Avenue, each in part.

Southerly: The Bridgeport town line.

Northerly: Deepdene Road, Inverness Road, Mariner Circle, Monitor Hill, Madison Avenue, Cromwell Road, Limerick Road, Old Village Lane, Dayton Road, Asbury Avenue, each in part.