



# Town of Trumbull

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## 2022 TRUMBULL REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

LAUREL ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN  
MARK BLOCK  
ALISSA HALL  
TOM KELLY  
STEPHEN LEMOINE  
JEAN RABINOW  
TRACY VONICK

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### **2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee Meeting**

**Thursday, February 24, 2022 5:30 p.m.**

**Via Zoom**

### **AGENDA**

2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee Meeting  
Feb 24, 2022 5:30 PM

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1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Feb 10, 2022 and Feb 14, 2022 meeting minutes
5. Public Comment
6. New Business
  - a. Review and discuss map change from last meeting, census block splits and Reservoir Avenue property and other areas of possible concern raised by Richard White.
  - b. Review and discuss any final changes to the revised boundary description list provided by Steve Earley.
  - c. Review and discuss Draft Report
  - d. Any other New Business including any new documents or data needed for committee review.
7. Old Business
8. Adjournment

Next meeting – Monday, February 28, 2022

**Town of Trumbull**  
**2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 10, 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 February 10, 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  
Steven Earley, 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

## Public Comment

There was no request to comment from any member of the public.

## **Approval of Jan. 24, 2022 and Jan. 31, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

MOTION MADE (Block), seconded (Rabinow) to approve the January 24, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**Vote: 6-0** **Motion Carried**

MOTION MADE (Block), seconded (Kelly) to approve the January 31, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**Vote: 6-0** **Motion Carried**

## **New Business**

### **Review / Discuss Draft of District Boundary Descriptions Provided by Steven Earley and Suggested Map / Boundary Changes**

Richard White shared his screen to present the working map entitled “February 1, 2022: 8:33am.”

Chairman Anderson suggested that, moving forward, the committee take the approach of reviewing the boundaries of 1 to 2 proposed districts per night. She questioned the written description of the proposed boundaries for District 1 where referring to Booth Hill Road. Earley clarified that a small portion of Booth Hill Road runs into Shelton rather than following along the Trumbull Town Line, necessitating that the description be written as-is.

Lemoine shared concerns about all boundary descriptors, stating there is no indication as to what side of the street is being referenced. Earley clarified that the center of the street is always the dividing line. Rabinow stated that the best indicator is the directional information. For example, if Fairview Avenue is the Northerly boundary of District 5, then everyone South of that boundary is in District 5 and everyone North of it is in another district. Lemoine questioned whether that was common knowledge.

Block questioned whether state statutes prohibit more expressive types of boundary descriptions (i.e. North, East rather than North). Rabinow stated that having one directional descriptor for each boundary (i.e. North rather than North, East) is typically the standard in deeds and land records. Vonick agreed and stated he would prefer to keep a single descriptor to better maintain uniformity throughout the document. Earley agreed with this.

Block also asked if there was an option to add a general notation at the end of the Committee’s report to the Town Council to include the aforementioned information from Rabinow regarding interpretation of the boundary descriptors. Vonick voiced support for adding a notation to the document.

Chairman Anderson asked for clarification on the description for District 2 when referring to Country Club Road. Earley clarified that discrepancies between the projections of map layers resulted in graphical issues, noting that historically it was assumed that the Census intended to follow along Country Club Road rather than transect parcels. White confirmed this to be true by referring to the data layer provided by the Census which identified the census edge of the census block as Country Club Road, noting that the same issue was encountered during the last redistricting process. Rabinow supported, stating that previously, the boundary was described as the “census line described as Country Club Road.” Chairman Anderson posited that the Committee include an addendum on their report suggesting to that the Town Council look into correcting graphical discrepancies at the state level.

Vonick asked whether the Committee would consider adjusting the current map to afford more intuitive district boundaries, creating cleaner lines and clearer descriptions. He noted he would be willing to do the work to bring such a proposal to the Committee. Block stated he would be in

support of smoother boundaries, particularly in areas where it eliminates the concerns around graphical disparities.

Rabinow stated that she would consider newly proposed boundaries from Vonick as long as two principals are maintained in the revision process: (1) equal population distribution amongst districts and (2) geographic compactness of districts. However, she noted that there is no issues with having slightly jagged borders. Kelly agreed with this, noting that he would prefer not to make changes unless they are necessary as the current working map has nearly perfect population distribution. Hall agreed with Rabinow and Kelly.

Block stated that he would like to consider Vonick's proposal as the redistricting process traditionally only occurs every 10 years. Lemoine agreed. Kelly agreed that if Vonick, White, and Earley are willing to put in the extra time and effort to bring a new proposal to the Committee, then there is no reason not to hear it.

#### Determine Focus of Next Meeting / What Documents Are Needed

Chairman Anderson asked that the Committee decide on a final working map next meeting prior to asking Earley to re-write boundary descriptions. Committee voiced agreement for listening to Vonick's proposal and agreeing upon a final working map during the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Anderson stated that the Committee's report is due to the Town Council by March 28, 2022. Meaning the Committee has its final meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Lemoine asked if the Town Council could deny the Committee's proposal and, if so, what would happen then. Kelly stated that the Council would then have to determine a new plan to redistrict by their legal deadline. Vonick stated the Council could potentially send the report back to the Committee for revision, but that is highly unlikely.

Block requested a copy of Vonick's newly proposed working map be distributed to the Committee prior to the next meeting. Chairman Anderson confirmed with the Committee that a PDF version would be okay.

#### Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:53p.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**  
**February 14, 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, February 14, 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  
Stephen Lemoine

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: Vicki A. Tesoro, Trumbull First Selectman  
Dan Schopick, Town Attorney  
William Chin, Director of Information Technology  
Gia Mentillo, Committee Clerk

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

Chairman Anderson introduced Stephen Lemoine as the newest member of the Committee, sworn in on February 7, 2022 by the Town Council, and thanked him for his participation..

## Pledge of Allegiance

## Opportunity for Public Comment

There was no request for comment from the public.

## **Approval of Feb. 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

MOTION MADE (Block), seconded (Rabinow) to approve the February 3, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**Vote: 7-0** **Motion Carried**

## New Business

Review TV2.2 Maps provided by Richard White and Tracy Vonick

Chairman Anderson shared her screen to present the map drafted by White and Vonick entitled TV2.2, inviting Vonick to provide further explanation.

Vonick first highlighted changes made to the Northwestern border of District 1, at the junction of Districts 1, 3, and 6 (as proposed by map February 1, 2022: 8:33am). He noted an extension to the Western border of District 1 which now continues further North along Route 25 to the intersection of Route 111. Vonick informed that this change moves one census block of 17 people from the District 3 to District 1. Chairman Anderson noted previous comments from White suggesting the same.

Vonick reviewed several other changes made throughout map TV2.2 and their impacts on population distribution. Rabinow stated that the main obligation of the Committee is to obtain districts with equal populations. Vonick estimated a 1% difference in the population distributions proposed by TV2.2 in comparison to February 1, 2022: 8:33am.

Block asked for confirmation that population numbers displayed on TV2.2 (and all other proposed maps) are solely reflective of the current population with no consideration of future projections. Rabinow clarified the Committee is utilizing the most recent U.S. Census data for population numbers, which they are legally obligated to do.

Chairman Anderson stated that she is in support of the changes made at the junction of Districts 1, 3, and 6 as shown by TV2.2; but she did not see the benefit of the other proposed changes, noting that the districts appear less compact. Rabinow agreed. Vonick stated that it is possible to maintain the change at the aforementioned junction without necessitating changes elsewhere.

Hall agreed with comments made by Chairman Anderson and Rabinow, adding that though the population distribution was minimally effected by the changes proposed by Vonick the disparities, nevertheless, increased. Kelly seconded Hall's comments, noting that TV2.2 also increases the number of residents changing districts.

#### Vote on Final Version of Voting District Map to be Used

MOTION MADE (Vonick), seconded (Lemoine) to accept map TV2.2 as the final working map for the 2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee. *Block abstained.*

**Vote: 2-4 (Anderson, Rabinow, Hall, Kelly) Motion Failed**

MOTION MADE (Vonick), seconded (Block) to accept the map February 1, 2022: 8:33am, and corresponding meet and bounds descriptions, as the working map and descriptions for the Committee's redistricting purposes. The motion carried unanimously.

**Vote: 7-0 Motion Carried**

MOTION MADE (Vonick), seconded (Block) to amend map February 1, 2022: 8:33am to include the proposed changes to District 1, extending the boundary of the district northernly along the Route 25 to the intersection of Route 111 and adding 17 people to District 1 from District 3. The motion carried unanimously.

**Vote: 7-0 Motion Carried**

MOTION MADE (Vonick), seconded (Block) to renumber the districts on map February 1, 2022: 8:33am to follow a more intuitive, clockwise order.

**Vote: None Motion Removed**

Vonick stated that renumbering the districts as outlined by map February 1, 2022: 8:33am appears to minimize the number of residents having to change districts. Lemoine voiced support for this change, noting that a more intuitive pattern would make the district layout easier to comprehend. Kelly questioned how the districts came to be numbered as they currently are on map February 1, 2022: 8:33am, noting that there has never been a sequential order of districts in Trumbull. He stated he would like input from White before making a decision. Hall seconded these comments.

Chairman Anderson stated that the Committee would need to clarify whether or not it has the authority to change district numbers. Atty. Schopick informed that the Town Council has the authority to change district boundaries which he posited to be serendipitous to changing district numbers. He stated that there would be no harm in making the recommendation.

Kelly asked if White could provide a numerical argument for making such changes. For example, can both numbering options be compared to determine which best minimizes the number of residents having to change districts.

MOTION MADE (Anderson), seconded (Rabinow) to remove the motion made by Vonick regarding renumbering the districts as outlined by map February 1, 2022: 8:33am. The motion carried unanimously.

**Vote: 7-0**

**Motion Carried**

#### Any Other New Business Including New Documents / Data Needed for Committee Review

Rabinow proposed Committee members independently trace out the boundaries of each district, as outline by map February 1, 2022: 8:33am, and form a list of questions and concerns regarding boundary descriptors which can be discussed with the Committee during the next regularly scheduled meeting. Chairman Anderson and Block voiced support for this.

Vonick asked whether the Committee would be willing to meet in person. William Chin clarified that there is no ability to conduct a true hybrid meeting, noting that virtual members would need to dial into the meeting via phone. The Committee voiced opposition to this.

The Chairman stated that, based on discussions from the upcoming February 17, 2022 meeting, she would like to create a rough draft of the Committee's final report for members to review and discuss during the February 24, 2022 meeting.

Block asked First Selectman Tesoro if she knew of any Town records which offer clarification as to when, why, and how the current district numbering system came about. He stated that he would like the Committee to look into renumbering efforts if possible. First Selectman Tesoro informed that the Town Clerk's Office houses records from past redistricting efforts. The First Selectman also noted that renumbering endeavors may create some confusion in Town. Atty. Schopick agreed with First Selectman Tesoro's comments.

#### Determine Time Line for Receipt of / Committee Review of Boundary Line Descriptions from Steven Earley

Chairman Anderson stated she would confirm with Earley that he would be able to provide a new draft of the meets and bounds descriptions to the Committee prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:43p.m. by Block and seconded by Hall. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gia Mentillo  
2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee Clerk



**From:** "Richard W. White" <rww@waldengeographic.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022 11:56 AM  
**To:** laurel@toast.net  
**Cc:** "Steven Earley" <searley@trumbull-ct.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: DRAFT of 2022 Redistricting Final report

I have attached a new version of the map with the following changes:

- Moved Census Block along State Road 25 with 17 people from District 3 into District 1.
- Updated the Districts\_Plan2 polygon outline (not shown on map).
- Updated all charts.
- Highlighted three areas of concern for the Registrars.

In the report and final metes and bounds, we should reference the following order:

1. Town boundary when available.
2. Street or water feature when available.
3. State House District when available and only if needed.

We should document our three areas of concern:

- **Country Club Road** – between Daniels Farm Road and Fairway Lane – District 1 is to the north, on the LHS between 1 and 55 and District 2 is to the south, on the RHS between 2 and 58.  
Note: this is an alignment issue between the US Census lines and common basemaps, aerial imagery, and the Town of Trumbull GIS data.
- **Wildrose Lane** – District 2 is to the west, on the LHS between 1 and 99 and District 7 is to the east on the RHS between 2 and 92.  
Note: this is an alignment issue between the US Census lines and common basemaps, aerial imagery, and the Town of Trumbull GIS data.
- **Reservoir Road** – between Berkshire Avenue and White Plains Road – District 2 contains both sides of the actual street segment, on the LHS between 3101 and 3199 and on the RHS between 3056 and 3198.  
Note: this is NOT an alignment issue. We should not reference Reservoir Road in this instance, but rather the State House District Boundaries.

For Reservoir Road, the US Census appears to be following an old alignment of Reservoir Road and technically this is no longer a street segment OR should be moved.

There appear to be two parcels that fall within the triangle between White Plains Road, Reservoir Road. Any voter at these addresses should be assigned to District 2:

- 3115 Reservoir Road
- 891 White Plains Road

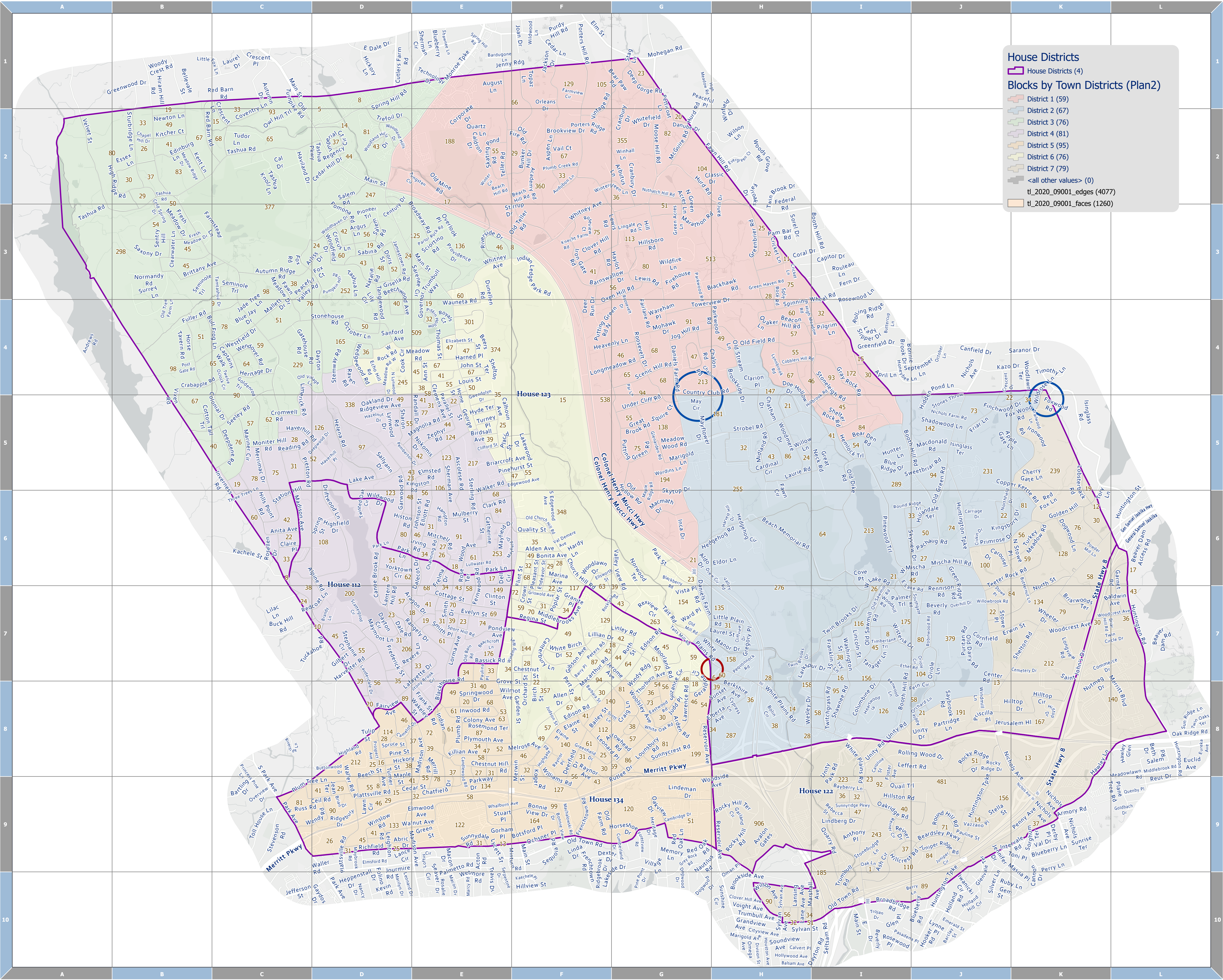
It gets a bit worse. There is an additional unnumbered parcel with two buildings on it; this is rare. Any voter in these buildings should be assigned to District 6.

Richard

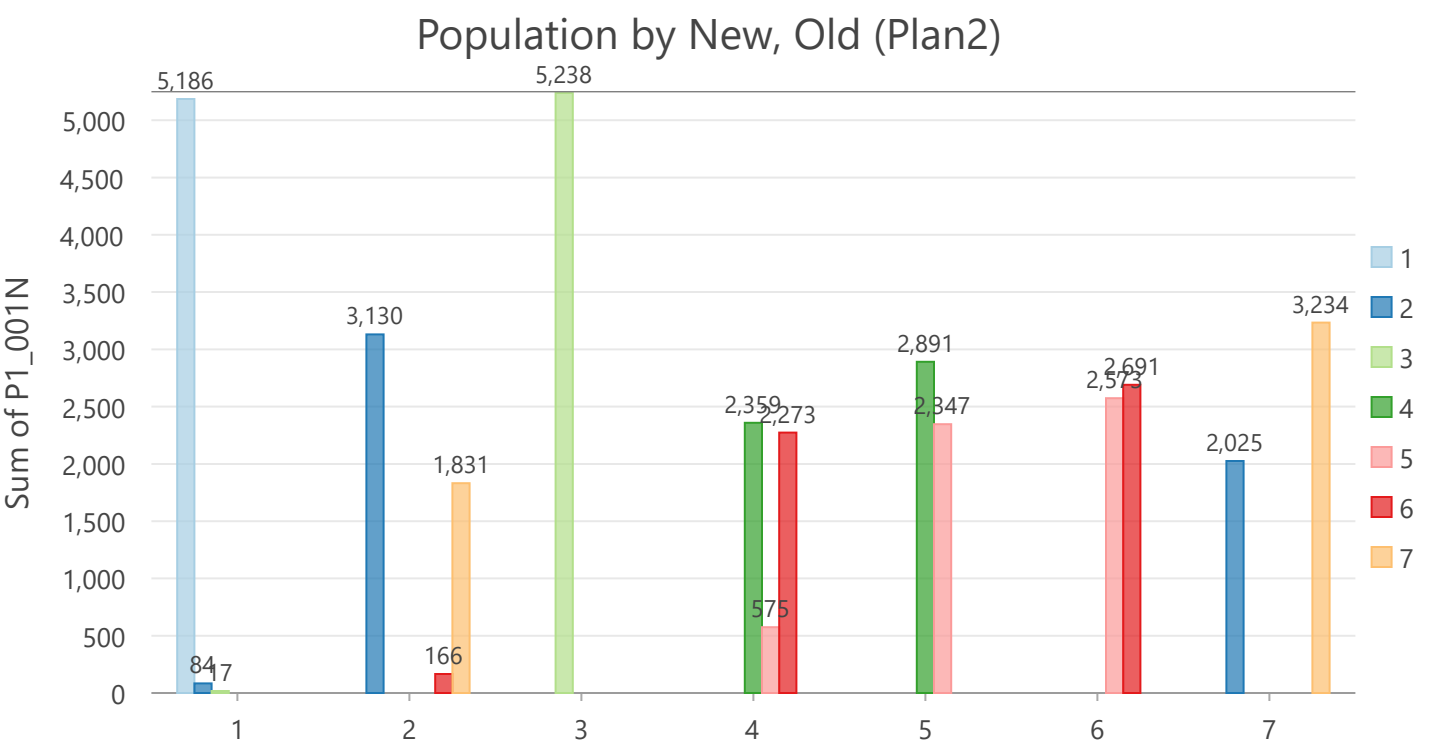
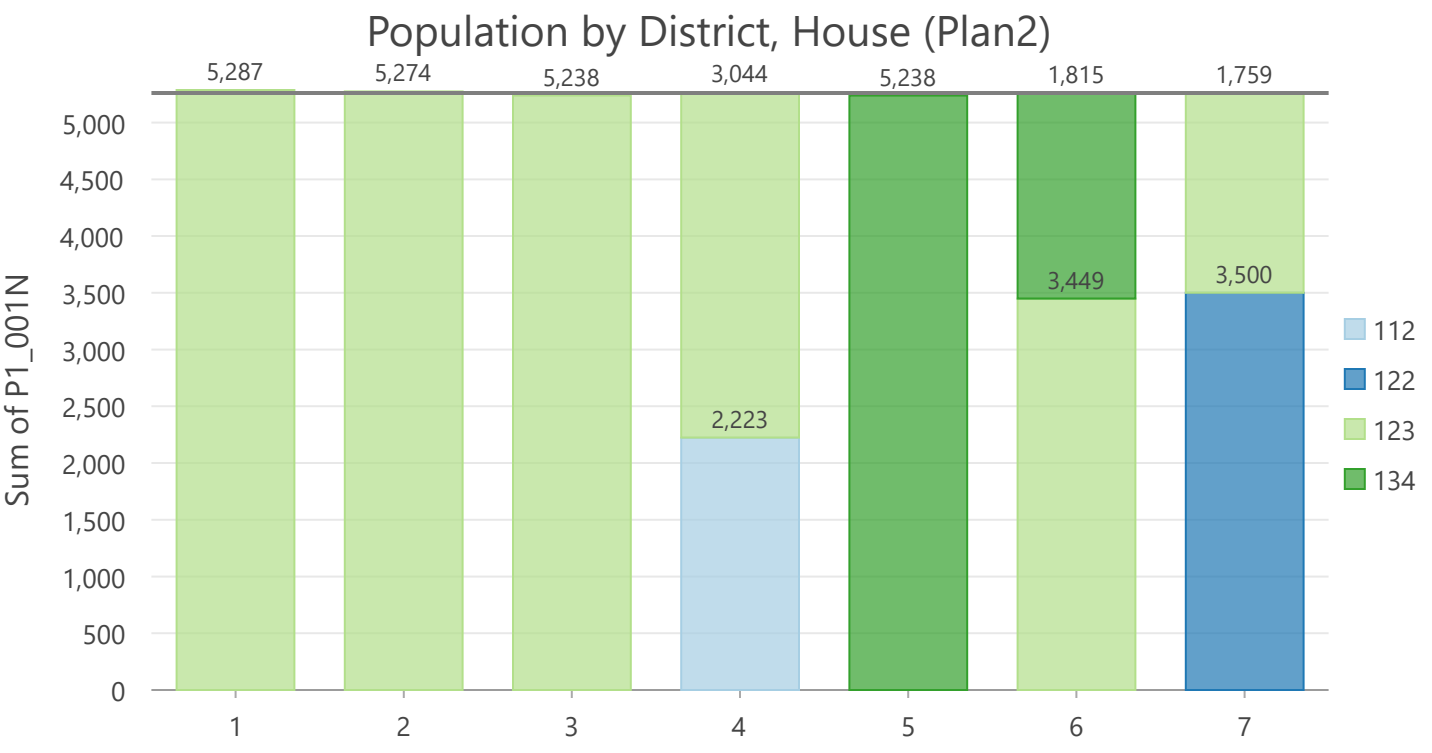
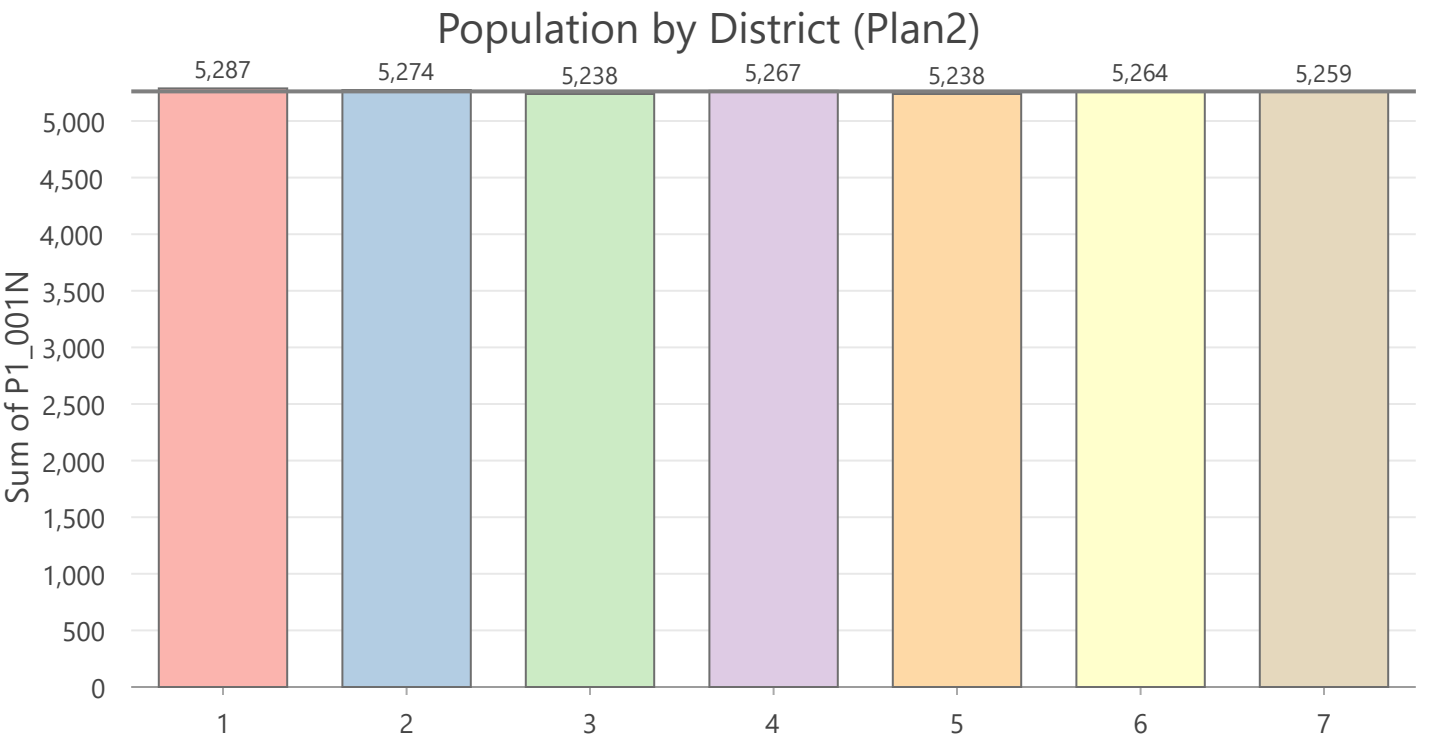




Trumbull Redistricting 2022



Plan 2 -- Clockwise from Plan 1



Basic Data	
Total Population:	36,827
Population per District:	5,261
Population per Member:	1,753.66

Sources

Current Town Districts, Town of Trumbull, Engineering

New House Districts, State of Connecticut

[https://www.cga.ct.gov/r/r/taskforce.asp?TF=20210401\\_2021%20Redistricting%20Project](https://www.cga.ct.gov/r/r/taskforce.asp?TF=20210401_2021%20Redistricting%20Project)

US Census 2020 Decennial Census

<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/about/rdo/summary-files.html>

US Census Blocks, Fairfield County, CT

US PL94-171, Summary Tape File, Fairfield County, CT

GBRC, Esri, HERE, Garmin, SafeGraph, GeoTechnologies, Inc., METI/NASA, USGS, EPA, NPS, US Census Bureau, USDA



## Local District Boundary Description

(Revised 2/18/22)

### 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, 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, Hemlock Trail, Bear Den Road, Pinewood Trail, Strobel Road again, 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), 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, Woolsley 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, Woolsley 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.



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### Final Report of the 2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee Presented to the Trumbull Town Council March 8, 2022

#### Summary of the work of the Committee

In compliance with the Town Council establishing resolution, the Committee developed a redistricting plan comprising voting districts of substantially equal populations and a list of the specific boundary lines of each of those districts.

#### Committee Creation, Duties, Composition and Timeline

The 2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee was established by the Trumbull Town Council on January 6, 2022 under RESOLUTION TC29-22 which stated:

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

On January 6, 2022, the Town Council voted to appoint to following persons to serve on the committee: Alissa Hall as the Democratic Town Council member, and three electors of the Town Laurel Anderson, Tom Kelly and Mark Block. Ms. Anderson was also appointed to serve as Committee Chairperson. The committee membership consisted of 6 persons from its creation until a subsequent vote was taken on February XXX to appoint Stephen Lemoine, Republican member of the Town Council, to the committee. Jean Rabinow and Tracy Vonick, as the Registrars of Voters, were automatically members of the committee.

#### Summary of Guidelines used by the Committee

By unanimous vote the committee agreed to work under the following guidelines:

1. 2020 US Census data is the most currently available and must therefore be used to create the districts.
2. Voter registration data would not be reviewed or used in any deliberations of or decisions made by the Committee.

3. Residence locations of current Council members would not be reviewed or used in any deliberation of the committee.
4. Census Blocks cannot be split in designing districts.
5. Recommend a plan that has as few “split” districts as possible, i.e. local voting districts with multiple State Representative districts.
6. District population breakdowns would comply with “one person, one vote” state statute.
7. Deadline for report presentation to the Town Council March 28, 2022.
8. The committee decisions would not consider polling place locations or impact on voter turnout.

By a vote of 4 yes and 2 abstentions, the committee also agreed to use seven districts as the basis for its work and decisions.

### **Summary of Expert volunteers who assisted the Committee**

The committee agreed to enlist the services of GIS and mapping expert volunteers to assist them in their work. The volunteers recruited by the Committee were Richard White and Stephen Earley. Richard White, head of research and development at LightBox, has years of GIS and mapping experience and assisted the 2020 Redistricting Committee. Stephen Earley, Public Works Survey Party Chief in the Town of Trumbull Engineering Department has been instrumental in the review of boundary description borders for voting districts in the Town for many years and also assisted the 2020 Redistricting Committee. The vote to use the services of Mr. Earley was unanimous and the vote to use of the services of Mr. White was 5 in favor, one opposed.

In addition, Town attorney Daniel Schopick attended meetings and was able to clarify State statute as well as procedural issues that arose.

### **Committee Research and Deliberations**

Committee members met at public meetings beginning on January 13, 2022 , via Zoom videoconference, and ending on March XX, 2022 calling upon experts to appear before the committee to review legal, census and geographic information systems (GIS) issues that needed to be considered.

The Connecticut General Assembly (CGA) was responsible for redrawing State Representative districts based on the results of the 2020 US Census data. A bipartisan Reapportionment Committee of the CGA is charged with preparing the plan and the General Assembly had to approve it by September 15, 2021 with a two-thirds vote in each chamber. That committee was made up of eight legislators (two from each party's caucus in the Senate and House of Representatives). The Reapportionment Committee decision divided Trumbull between four, rather than the prior three, House Districts. Trumbull is now divided between State House Districts 112, 122, 123 and 134. Based on the 2020 US Census data, the existing Town District boundaries would have required only minor adjustment to remain substantially equal in population. However, the requirement to now accommodate four State House Districts within the Town voting district structure required a great deal of deliberation and adjustment.

The committee based their deliberations on several key points: create substantial districts with substantial equal population, create districts with the fewest number of split districts (multiple State Representative districts in one local district), leave as many existing districts unchanged as possible and create districts that looked cohesive in shape. Although new housing developments in town will change the populations of several districts, the committee could not consider those future changes in its decision making as it must be guided by the data provided by the 2020 US Census only.

The committee decided to create maps of the district layouts as a starting point for their deliberations. Mr. White offered to work on some options for seven district formats that would have substantially equal population and would take into account the Key points enumerated by the Committee. The committee requested that he begin his work by leaving untouched existing Districts 3 and 1 in the northern section of Town as they were still all in the 123<sup>rd</sup> State Representative district. The committee asked that he then work clockwise through the other districts modifying them as needed to conform to the key points. Mr. White originally presented the committee with three versions of the district lay-out and later, offered modified versions based on discussions with committee member Mr. Vonick. The committee used on-line mapping in real-time provided by Richard White as well as paper maps printed through the Town by Stephen Earley to inform their discussions on district layouts. The committee voted on a final version of the district layout by a vote of **XX to XX**.

Mr. Earley offered to work on a draft set of boundary descriptions based on the map layout approved by the committee. The committee reviewed the boundary descriptions against the map provided and in real time during a meeting was able to agree to written boundary descriptions.

In addition, the committee discussed the district numbering system and if offering a numbering change to the Town Committee was within its purview. It also discussed whether changing the numbering made sense. The committee was not able to determine the history of the numbering system and upon review with the two Registrars determined that changes to the number system would create an enormous amount of work for their office due to limitations with the Connecticut Voter Registration System (CVRS) database. The committee decided not to present a District numbering change to the Town Council.

#### **Proposed Redistricting Plan**

The committee **unanimously (or actual eventual vote)** recommends to the Trumbull Town Council that the seven voting districts in Trumbull be organized as per the map and boundary descriptions attached hereto.

In compliance with its charge to create districts with substantially equal populations, the committee, created districts with the following population totals:

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

The proposed redistricting plan uses the 2020 US Census data, creates three “split” voting districts, **splits no census blocks(?)** and is within **XX** votes from the lowest populated district to the highest, thereby achieving substantially equal districts. The committee was unable to determine a format under which the districts could be created with fewer split districts but the two Registrar of Voters were accepting of this number of splits.



## **Closing Statement**

The committee deliberations focused on the charge it was given, and the tight timeline it was given for completion of its task. The committee was mindful of both the deadline created by the Town Council but also of the need to provide the Office of the Registrar of Voters as much time as possible to complete their update of the CVRS database prior to the August 9, 2022 Primary elections. To that end, the committee met at least weekly and often twice weekly over the approximately 60 days of its deliberations to complete the work.

The Committee wishes to acknowledge the invaluable expertise, assistance, and support provided by both Mr. Richard White and Mr. Stephen Earley which helped to make a challenging task much easier.

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This concludes the work of this committee and we are pleased to present this final report to the Trumbull Town Council.

Respectfully submitted

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## **Attachments**

- Boundary descriptions
- Voting districts map dated xx/xx/2022
- State Statute covering districts and one person, one vote