

Town of Trumbull
2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 13, 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 13, 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
 Dan Schopick – Town **Attorney**
 William Chin – Director of Information Technology

Chairman Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Opportunity for Public Comment

None.

New Business

Discussion of Structure of Committee Work and Final Report

Chairman Anderson read the Charge of the 2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee (TRC) as pre-described in the TC29-22 document on January 6, 2022.

The Chairman stated that there are several guidelines from the 2020 TRC which the 2022 TRC is expected to utilize. She then shared the itemized guidelines with committee members, asking that they vote to support or oppose the guidelines. The Committee then did so after a brief explanation of each item and subsequent conversation during which the following points were made: (1) Rabinow stated that new regulations dictate that the Committee exclude incarcerated felons from the population totals when considering the size of districts; and (2) Atty. Schopick noted that the March 28th is a hard deadline based on the dates of subsequent meetings for which the final redistricting document is required.

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MOTION MADE (Block), seconded (Vonick) to accept the Guidelines #1-8 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 6-0 **Motion Carried**

Kelly suggested that the Committee add a guideline stating that they will utilize a 7 district structure. She noted that in order to utilize any other structure the Committee would need to seek a 2/3 approval from the Town Council to do so, for which there is not enough time.

Vonick voiced opposition to this as he would prefer not to limit the Committee to a specific structure. The Chairman stated that all districts must have the same number of representatives, noting that Trumbull has 21 representatives which necessitates the town be broken into 1, 3, or 7 districts to afford equal representation.

MOTION MADE (Block), seconded (Vonick) to use 3 or 7 districts for district structure. The motion failed.

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

MOTION MADE (Rabinow), seconded (Kelly) to use 7 districts for district structure. The motion carried.

Vote: 4 - 0 (Vonick and Block Abstained) **Motion Carried**

Committee Clerk

The Chairman asked that Committee members send her any suggestions they may have regarding possible clerks for the committee.

Expert Volunteers

Chairman Anderson stated that the 2020 TRC previously utilized two expert volunteers to aid them in their redistricting efforts, Steve Early and Richard White. The Chairman then shared Steve Early's CV with the Committee and explained his role in the 2020 TRC.

MOTION MADE (Block), seconded (Rabinow) to invite Steve Early to support the 2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee as an expert volunteer. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 6-0 **Motion Carried**

Subsequently, the Chairman shared Richard White's CV with the Committee and explained his role in the 2020 TRC.

Block shared his opposition to this as he would prefer invite someone with a fresh perspective and not previously involved with any TRC.

MOTION MADE (Rabinow), seconded (Hall) to invite Richard White to support the 2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee as an expert volunteer. The motion carried.

Vote: 5-1 (Block) **Motion Carried**

The Chairman encouraged members to send her additional suggestions for expert volunteers.

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Kelly also noted that he would like the Committee to work toward obtaining a seventh member.

Establish Meetings Schedule

Chairman Anderson stated that the 2022 TRC is mandated to follow Freedom of Information regulations and briefly explained what that entails. She noted that, if the Committee hopes to meet twice a week and conform to the aforementioned regulations, then they will have to meet on Mondays and Thursdays. The Chairman then shared a list of proposed dates and times for the 2022 TRC virtual meeting for which she already confirmed availability with the IT department.

MOTION MADE (Vonick), seconded (Rabinow) to accept the proposed meeting dates and times for the 2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee as listed. The motion carried unanimously.

Vote: 6-0 **Motion Carried**

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:45p.m. by Rabinow and seconded by Block. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gia Mentillo
2022 Trumbull Redistricting Committee Clerk