The 2020 Trumbull Redistricting Committee meeting was called to order at 5:39 p.m. by Chairperson Laurel Anderson.

Members present: Laurel Anderson  
Tom Kelly  
Kevin Shively

Also present: Town Attorney Daniel Schopick  
First Selectman Vicki Tesoro  
Kathleen McGannon  
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 March 11, 2020, Redistricting Committee meeting be approved as submitted; the vote in favor was unanimous.

Discussion of district borders and next steps
Maps and borders: The Committee noted that Steve Earley had forwarded several maps of Trumbull, including a map of the 2010 Census blocks with street overlay, as requested; the blue numbers on that map (“2010 Census Blocks With Population”) are the populations within each block. Laurel Anderson will check with Steve Early to make sure that the population numbers within each district are within one-person-one-vote limits. Steve Early also supplied a hand-drawn seven-district map. Kevin Shively said that the Committee should check to make sure that nothing has changed since 2012 that would prevent the Committee from using the 2012 map as the basis for its decision. Vicki Tesoro said that the boundary changes were done by Steve Earley. Laurel noted that we may need a new map with whatever the proposed boundary changes will be; she volunteered to contact Richard White about that.
Next steps: In response to a question from Kevin Shively, Laurel Anderson said that she does not believe that the Committee can use the 2012 redistricting committee’s minority report because of the more limited scope of this Committee’s work.

Laurel Anderson suggested that the Committee probably only needs to meet twice more: once to review the maps and begin writing its report, and once to confirm what’s in the report before forwarding it to the Town Council. On the question of the deadline for submitting the report, Vicki Tesoro said that she didn’t believe that there would be any problem with asking for an extension until just before the Town Council’s July meeting. Kevin Shively volunteered to ask Town Council chair Mary Beth Thornton to put a resolution on its next agenda to extend the Committee’s deadline to July as discussed. In response to Town Attorney Dan Schopick’s comment that the Town Committee might want to know why the Committee isn’t simply using the pre-2010 map, Tom Kelly replied that the districts on that map did not, and do not, meet one-person-one-vote limits.

Laurel Anderson asked Bill Chin if the Committee could hold its next meetings on weekends to accommodate Committee members who cannot leave work early enough on weeknights to take part in a 5:30 meeting; Bill Chin said that he could supply Zoom virtual meetings on weekends. Laurel Anderson said she would contact Steve Earley and Richard White to see if they will be available on the morning of Saturday May 2. It was the sense of the meeting that the next meeting should be held on Saturday, May 2, at 10:00 a.m.

Laurel Anderson then summed up the Committee’s next steps:

1. Get from Richard White a draft of a computer-generated seven-district map that the Committee intends to use.

2. Get from Steve Earley a typed set of the boundary descriptions that go with the new map.

3. Make sure that all currently-discussed maps and boundary descriptions are attached to today’s Minutes, and that all new maps and boundary descriptions are attached to the Agenda for the next meeting.

4. Inform the Charter Revision Commission that this Committee is proposing a seven-district map.

Old Business: Future meeting locations

There was no other old business.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Adjournment

On a motion by Kevin Shively, seconded by Tom Kelly, and agreed to unanimously, Laurel Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Rabinow
Clerk of the Committee