

## ***RTM Redistricting Committee Meeting Minutes***

Old Town Hall, 611 Old Post Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Meeting was recorded via Webex

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**April 11, 2022**

### **I. Call to order**

Hal Schwartz called to order the meeting of the RTM Redistricting Committee at 7:00 pm on April 11, 2022

### **II. Roll call**

The following persons were present: Pamela Iacono (Secretary), District 8, Karen McCormack, District 2, Hal Schwartz (Chairman), District 2, Karen Wackerman, District 7. Also present, Jeanette McMahon, Republican Deputy Registrar of Voters, Matt Waggoner, Democrat Registrar of Voters, members of the public

### **III. Agenda**

#### **1) To consider and act upon the minutes from the Meeting held on March 29, 2022**

- Motion to approve, moved by Representative McCormack, seconded by Representative Wackerman

#### **2) Finalize Maps**

- Representatives Schwartz and Wackerman disagreed with Representatives Iacono and McCormack position to pause from making the maps.
- Rep. Iacono read an email from Aida Carini, Staff Attorney, CT Secretary of State, (attached) stating that the polling locations for 2022 can remain the same as 2021. Rep. Wackerman said that Ms. Carini's letter only stated that if the town wanted to do what the town attorney requested it could legally do so, not that it was required. Ms. Wackerman also stated that she disagreed with Ms. Carini's email and believed that Attorney Carini was wrong.
- Rep. Iacono read the Charter 2.6 Procedures for RTM elections (attached) and said that (2) can't be read in isolation of (1), and the Chapter Heading.
- Rep. Iacono read CT GS Sec. 9-169f ***Reapportionment required for certain municipal legislative bodies*** (attached) and that the schedule for adoption of an ordinance follows the first regular election after the General Assembly reapportionment in November, which in this case is November 2022, making the municipal reapportionment plan due June 1, 2023. She said following then the Statute, the Charter, and the RTM Rules to Regulate, this makes the deadline to get an ordinance to the RTM in time for all the appropriate adoptions March/April 2023 (attached).
- Rep. Wackerman stated that she was dismayed that the town paid legal fees to have the town attorney request an opinion from the Secretary of State's office to support a suggestion on polling places offered by the Republican members of this committee.
- Reps. Iacono and McCormack said they were willing to continue with the ordinance once there was a more definitive recommendation of the Charter Reform Commission regarding districts, that would either be in May

when a recommendation goes from CRC to the BOS, or after the Charter ballot initiative depending on the recommendation. Rep. Wackerman said the work should be done now. Having no majority consensus, Rep. Schwartz moved on to take public comment.

**3) Number of RTM Representatives Discussion**

- No votes were taken.

**4) Schedule Special Meetings to finish the ordinance for April meeting if necessary.**

- No votes were taken

**5) To Consider a redistricting ordinance to be presented to the RTM at its April 25th meeting.**

- No votes were taken

**6) Public Comment**

- The following members of the public spoke in opposition of Reps. Iacono and McCormack pausing the ordinance work:

Steven Sheinberg, 15 Flax Road  
Cindy Wapnitsky, 41 Valley View Place  
Beth Johnston Tracosis, 480 Burr Street  
Judy Ewing, 98 Sasco Hill Terrace  
Barbara Thumm, 45 Sturges Road  
Jill Vergara, 271 Old Post Road

- Matt Wagner, Registrar, hoped that the Committee would continue with the work to finalize a map

**IV. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:43pm. Minutes submitted by: Pamela Iacono, Secretary