

## **Minutes of the March 16, 2022 City Council Redistricting Committee Special Meeting – West Haven City Hall, 355 Main Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room**

The Special Meeting of the West Haven City Council Redistricting Committee was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in West Haven City Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call** Members Present were Committee Members: Chairwoman Robbin Watt Hamilton, Committee Members Colleen O'Connor, Bridgette Hoskie, Sarah Ackbarali.

Also present were Council Members Steven Johnstone & Victor Borrás.

Also present was Donna Walsh from the Registrar's Office & Patricia Horvath, City Clerk.

Chairwoman Hamilton called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Discussion took place on the City's process of Redistricting. Chairwoman Hamilton once again explained how this is done every 10 years when the census is done. She also reminded the Committee that even if the districts change and become different, the current council people will still serve their current constituents until the next election.

Donna Walsh also went over the maps that were posted on the board and she explained the ballot process.

Committee member Hoskie noted that the maps are based on population not voters and not any particular political party. Committee member Garthwait expressed concern about losing the residents that she currently serves. Chairwoman Hamilton stated that she is also losing a portion of her residents as well and so is Committee Member Ackbarali. Council Member Johnstone asked why do they have to start in the middle and maybe they could possibly start from the borders and work inward. He also mentioned the post office routes and possibly following them.

More in depth discussion took place on the maps and district lines. Chairwoman Hamilton stressed that she wants the Committee members to be comfortable with what they are proposing so she can then ask Matt Waggner, who is the Registrar of Voters from Fairfield who has been graciously helping with the maps and not charging the City. Hamilton & Hoskie also suggested that maybe the counsel can let them know what the next process is. City Clerk Horvath stated that she believed there was a committee at the State for training on this. Councilman Borrás asked about the State District lines. Chairwoman Hamilton stated that the Committee is not voting on the State District lines only the City Districts.

The Committee members were in agreement to have Matt Waggner develop a new map with their changes (at no cost to the City) and to check the numbers and then the Committee can adjust if necessary.

Committee member Hoskie made a MOTION to present the revised map to Matt Waggner, Registrar from Fairfield for his assistance to make a new copy of the map based on the proposed changes, which was SECONDED by Committee member Garthwait. All Committee members were in favor. Motion passed.

**RECESS**

Councilwoman Hamilton recessed the Redistricting Committee Special Meeting at 6:48 p.m.  
UNANIMOUSLY.

**ATTEST:**

**Robbin Watt Hamilton, Chairwoman**  
**City Council Redistricting Committee**

**Stacy Riccio, Clerk**  
**City Council**

**These minutes are subject to City Council Approval.**