

2011 Redistricting Committee **Board of Representatives**

Randall M. Skigen, Chair

Committee Report

Date: Tuesday, November 29, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Republican Caucus Room

888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Redistricting Committee of the Board of Representatives met as indicated above. Present were Chair Skigen and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Coppola, Heaphy, Mitchell and Uva. Excused was Committee Member Rep. Cerasoli. Also present were Clerk Summerville; Rep. Zelinsky; Kieran Ryan of the Redistricting Commission; and Cindy Barber of GIS.

Chair Skigen called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Item No. Description Invitees (or designees)

1. R28.005 PUBLIC HEARING; proposed voting districts. C. Barber

Chair Skigen opened the public hearing.

Rep. Zelinsky spoke regarding the single census block (bounded by 4th Street, 5th Street, Bedford and Summer Streets) that was previously in the 11th District and is planned to be in the 14th District. Mr. Zelinsky stressed that this district has always been in the 11th District, and residents in this block have expressed a desire to him to remain within the 11th District.

Mr. Ryan stated that personally he had no opposition to the block remaining in the 11th District. He stated that he was not speaking for the Commission, but felt that it was probably redistricted because the line is visually awkward. He did not recall any other reasons for moving the district.

Chair Skigen closed the public hearing.

Chair Skigen pointed out that the 11th District is currently the 2nd highest in number, and this move will make it the highest. He noted that it would take this district to 4.62% over the target number and drive the 14th District to -.51% below the target number.

Rep. Heaphy moved to restore this census tract back to the 11th District. No second was received on the motion.

 R28.004 PROPOSED ORDINANCE; <u>for publication</u>; concerning elections boundaries of voting districts.

Chair Skigen stated that the ordinance is being approved for publication. The ordinance references a map and a document listing the boundaries of each new district, and asked the Committee for feedback as to whether it would be useful to print a map and/or the boundary descriptions in the newspaper.

Most committee members felt that this information would be better provided on maps available at the Town Clerk and the Board of Representative's Offices.

Upon motion duly made and seconded the ordinance was approved for publication by a vote of 5-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Submitted by,

Randall M. Skigen, Chair

This meeting is on <u>video</u>.