

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
MONDAY, June 6, 2022**

A Special Meeting of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Vice-Chairman Cekala on Monday, June 6, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm.

ROLL-CALL – Present were Vice-Chair Cekala, Councilors Despard, Finger, Hopkins, Ludwick, Mangini, Pyznar, Santanella and Unghire. Chairman Cressotti was absent. Also present were Town Manager, Ellen Zoppo-Sassu; Assistant Town Manager, Steven Bielenda; Town Attorney, James Tallberg; Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey; Director of Economic and Community Development, Nelson Tereso.

MOTION #6261 by Councilor Mangini seconded by Councilor Pyznar to go into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate Negotiations.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Vice-Chair declared **MOTION #6261** adopted 9-0-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Session of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Vice-Chairman Cekala at 5:31 p.m.

ROLL-CALL – Present were Vice-Chair Cekala, Councilors Despard, Finger, Hopkins, Ludwick, Mangini, Pyznar, Santanella and Unghire. Absent was Chairman Cressotti. Also present were Town Manager, Ellen Zoppo-Sassu; Assistant Town Manager, Steven Bielenda; Town Attorney, James Tallberg; Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey; Director of Economic and Community Development, Nelson Tereso; Paul B Bailey and Susan Bridgewater Odell of Paul B. Bailey Architects, LLC; Brad Fisher and Jessica Mullins of Impact Residential Development; and Peter Wood, AGA Consulting.

Vice-Chair Cekala reconvened the Special Meeting at 6:15 p.m. and stated during Executive Session the Council discussed Real Estate Negotiations with no action or votes being taken.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – Registrar of Voters, Redistricting Presentation

Lou Fiore and Tom Kienzler, Registrar of Voters, presented their redistricting plan. The redistricting was done to try to balance out four districts by overall population, not by registered voters. All changes must be approved by the Town Council, a public hearing must be held, and a resolution approved. The Enfield residents must then vote to approve it at the November 2022 election for it to be in place for the November 2023 election. They presented the current districts and proposed new districts. They also presented the new State Assembly Districts. The last day for a municipality to pass a question for the ballot is 9/8/22.

A copy of the presentation will be appended to these minutes.

Councilor Mangini thanked them for all the hard work they put in doing this. She stated that the Council could vote on accepting this or not. If they accept, there would be a public hearing and a resolution, then go to referendum. Mr. Fiore and Mr. Kienzler confirmed that process.

Vice-Chair Cekala reminded everyone that there is only one meeting in July and only one in August.

Councilor Hopkins asked what would happen if we don't change the districts now.

Mr. Fiore stated that District 2 in ten years will have to be made even smaller. District 1 has not yet had the turnover of households; they are holding onto their homes there. Districts 3 and 4 have had the turnover in the last few years.

Mr. Kienzler stated that he recommends making the changes so that we don't end up with a possible magnified problem next time.

Councilor Santanella asked if we don't make the changes, is that an acceptable decision?

Mr. Fiore stated that there is a 500-person difference between the smallest and largest district. They got a legal opinion that it is okay to leave them as is, if that is what is decided.

Councilor Ludwick stated that the new plan seems fair. The difference in number is lower with the new plan. We should be able to get this done at the July meeting.

Mr. Fiore asked for clarification on if they decide not go with the new plan, will we still need a public hearing, resolution, and a referendum question?

Attorney Tallberg stated he would investigate it.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #6262 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Unghire.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the vice-chair declared **MOTION #6262** adopted and the meeting stood adjourned at 6:39pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Bailey
Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council

Tina Demers
Secretary to the Council

Registrar of Voters

2022 Town Council redistricting
proposal presentation
June 6, 2022

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MISSION STATEMENT

- By statute, to the best of our ability we attempted to balance out the four Municipal Council districts by overall population (not by registered voters). This can be a difficult task as the Census data is provided to us in 'census blocks' not by Street and some of those census blocks are even split between different Council districts. We were unable to account for only 278 residents out of 40,013 residents.
- Any and all proposed Municipal redistricting changes must be approved by the Town Council, via a public hearing and a resolution. In addition, during the upcoming November 2022 election, the Enfield residents must vote and hopefully approve the Municipal Redistricting plan as a referendum question, a requirement under our Town Charter. If passed, these changes will then be in effect for the November 2023 Municipal election and for all future Municipal elections after that, until 2033.
- It should be noted that the current margin between the largest District (2) and the smallest District (1) is only 560 residents. Thus, the Council can consider leaving the current Council District plan in place (plan from 2013). In the new proposed plan the margin between the largest District (4) and the smallest District (1) is only 84 residents.

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Proposed District Changes

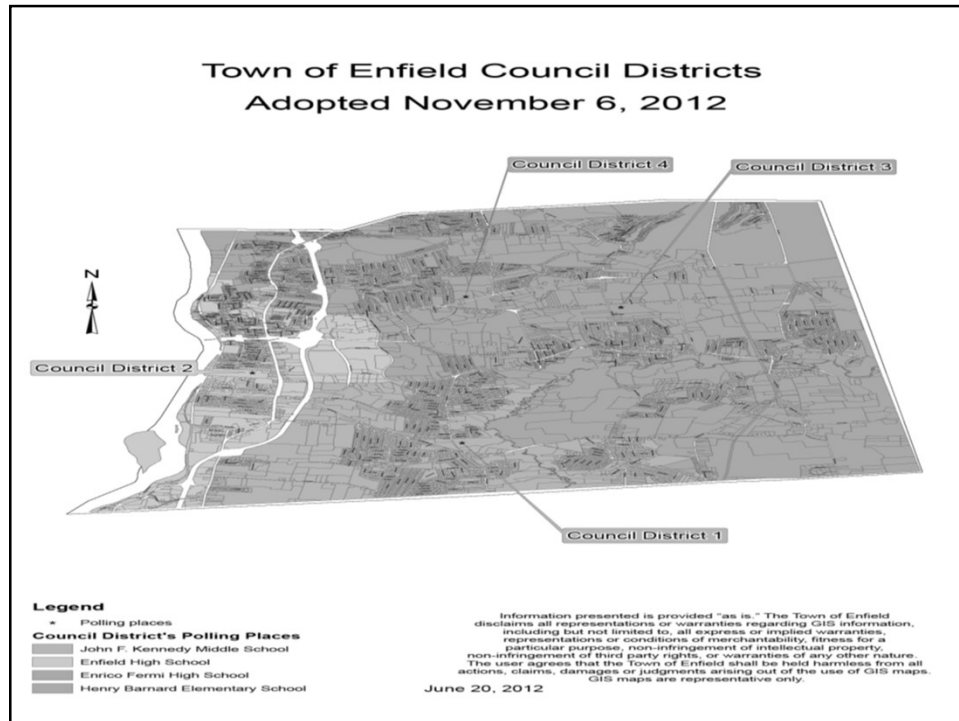
- **Into District 1** – move from District 4, south side of Middle Road, east side of Beech Road, and the Mark Twain area.
- **Into District 3** – move from District 4, the Cozy Street area.
- **Into District 4** – move from District 2, the remaining Mount Carmel neighborhood.

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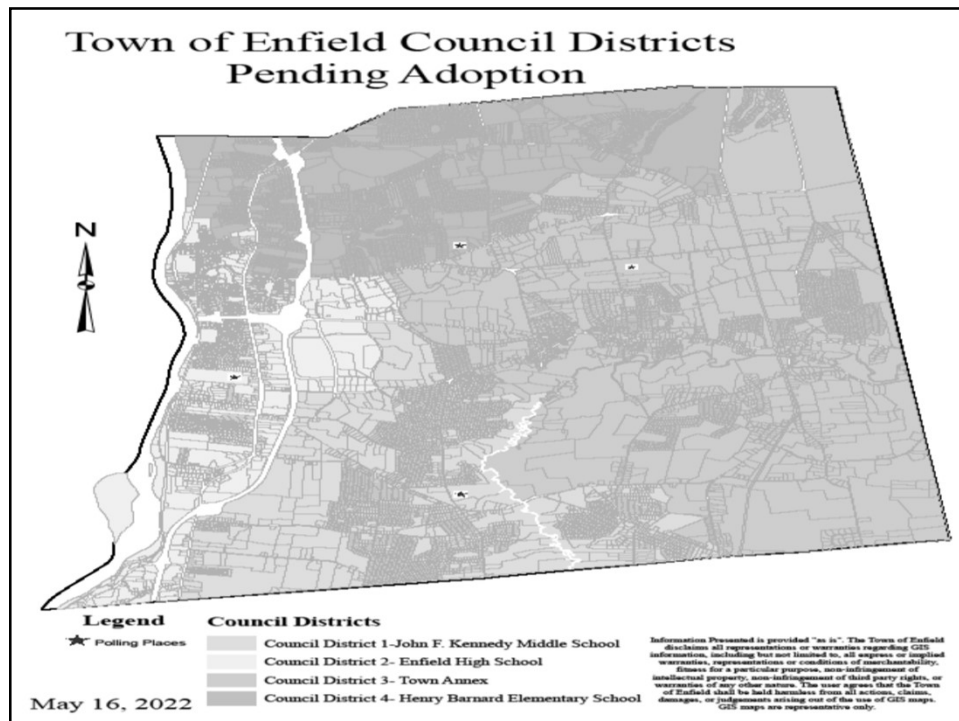
Detailed District Numbers

- **District 1** – New Plan has 9,935 residents.
Remain as is = 9,710 residents.
- **District 2** – New Plan has 9,952 residents.
Remain as is = 10,270 residents.
- **District 3** – New Plan has 9,882 residents.
Remain as is = 9,838 residents.
- **District 4** – New Plan has 9,966 residents.
Remain as is = 9,917 residents.

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STATE ASSEMBLY DISTRICTS

- There were minor changes made to the 58th and 59th State Assembly Districts as it pertains to Enfield.
- The following streets are now completely in the 58th – Edward St, Avon St, Avon St Ext, Essex St, Beverly St, Carlisle St, top of Oldefield Farms, north side of Middle Road, and a portion of Hazard Ave.

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SUMMARY

In summary, we have provided you with two options:

- 1) to adopt the proposed plan.
- 2) to have the current districts remain as is.

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