

**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







## 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 58<sup>th</sup> – 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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