

**2022 DECENNIAL REAPPORTIONMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION (R.A.C.)**

***Meeting # 3 - March 10, 2022 - 6:30PM***

Chairman Safranek called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2022. Present were Commission Members John Priola, Duane Perkins and Benjamin Chianese., and Outside Counsel Joseph Mortelliti. Present from the public were residents Robert Alves (11 Coalpit Hill Road, Danbury) and Frank Salvatore (1903 Revere Road, Danbury).

**MINUTES - Minutes of the R.A.C. Meeting held on March 3, 2022**

***A motion was made by Councilman Chianese, and was seconded by Councilman Perkins, to accept the Minutes from the last meeting, as copies were distributed. Motion carried unanimously.***

1. Discussion of Fifth Member

Councilman Perkins noted Michelle James is very interested in becoming the fifth Member and she possess great census experience. Councilman Chianese discussed how Ms. James was previously a Member of the Census Committee and expressed support for electing a woman for the position.

Chairman Safranek expressed concern regarding Ms. James' availability, as she was recently appointed to a prominent position with the Homeless Task Force and is Director of CAAWC.

Chairman Safranek explained that Dan Jowdy declined the opportunity to serve as the fifth member.

Mr. Priola asked that the commission to consider the purpose of picking a fifth member and how they will benefit from it.

***A motion was made by Councilman Perkins, and was seconded by Councilman Chianese, to nominate Michelle James, as a fifth Member of the Commission. Motion failed. (2 No votes and 2 Yes votes)***

Councilman Perkins expressed the need for gender neutrality.

***A motion was made by Councilman Priola, and was seconded by Chairman Safranek, to nominate Joe DaSilva, as the fifth Member of the Commission. Motion failed. (2 No votes and 2 Yes votes)***

***A motion was made by Chairman Safranek, and was seconded by Mr. Priola, to nominate Ann Falzone, as the fifth Member of the Commission. Vote was tabled.***

Councilman Chianese requested the vote for Ann Falzone be tabled.

Mr. Mortelliti expressed the importance of the Commission electing a fifth Member before the 30-day deadline.

***A motion was made by Mr. Priola, and was seconded by Chairman Safranek, to nominate Candice Fay, as the fifth Member of the Commission. Motion failed. (2 No votes and 2 Yes votes)***

Councilman Perkins questioned whether Candice Fay should be disqualified because she is a member of a high-profile commission. Chairman Safranek discussed Ms. Fay's political history and career.

Councilman Chianese asked if the Commission would consider Mark Chory for the position. Chairman Safranek expressed concern Mr. Chory's schedule would impact his ability to attend the meetings.

**A motion was made by Chairman Safranek, and was seconded by Councilman Priola, to nominate Ann Falzone, as the fifth person.** (1 No vote and 3 Yes votes) **Per the Charter, a unanimous vote is required for the motion to pass.**

Councilman Chianese suggested inviting Michelle James and Ann Falzone to the next meeting.

The Commission agreed to draft a new list of names.

2. Discussion and Review of Software

The Commission agreed to review software at the next meeting.

**A motion was made by Chairman Safranek, and seconded by Councilman Chianese, to adjourn.** **The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Safranek, Chair  
John Priola  
Duane Perkins  
Benjamin Chianese