

**WORKSHOP MEETING
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TOWN OF REDINGTON SHORES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

Present upon roll call: Commissioner Wojcik, Commissioner Kapper, Commissioner Holmes, Vice Mayor Branch, Mayor Adams and Attorney Denhardt.

Note: No public attendance

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion Relining Municipal Electoral Districts per Town Charter

Attorney Denhardt explained to the Commission relining the districts needs to be done not just because the charter states it should be, but constitutional due process also needs to be followed. The electoral districts should be as even as possible in numbers. Over the years it has been known that the numbers in the electoral districts have been climbing in some and not others. When the Parsley property annexed into the Town, the area was placed in District Three and the numbers have been increasing in that district. The districts should be compact and contiguous. Town Clerk Palmer has put together two proposals and it so happens that each commissioner is still in their district. The Commission can choose between the two proposals, or they can choose to start all over and reline the districts in a different manner.

Commissioner Holmes stated he feels the numbers for the districts do not mean anything unless there is a Mayoral race. Commissioner Holmes recommends adopting proposal number two.

Commissioner Wojcik stated the charter states the “Commission **may** from time to time by ordinance change the boundaries of said districts” it does not say shall, it states “may” and “may” is an option. Commissioner Wojcik stated he would like to look into the possibility of having the Commission voted in at large and also to have the Town Charter reviewed. The Commission discussed the fact that there is a need to take care of relining the districts now and a charter review will be a long process and the next municipal election would not be until March 2013 for charter changes to be voted on. Mayor Adams stated he would like to take care of relining the districts now and look into other options and charter changes at a later time.

After further discussion Mayor Adams asked the Commission what they would like to do. Commissioner Holmes, Vice Mayor Branch, Commissioner Kapper and Mayor Adams recommend Proposal 2. Commissioner Wojcik stated he is not in favor of relining the districts at all, as in his opinion it is not required in the charter.

Attorney Denhardt will prepare an ordinance for first reading for the April meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

None

Respectfully submitted,

Mary F. Palmer, MMC
Town Clerk