

Redistricting Committee of 2012  
Wicomico County, Maryland  
June 8, 2012

There being a quorum present the Redistricting Committee of 2012 began its meeting at 9:15 a.m. on Friday, June 8, 2012. Chairman Joe Collins called the meeting to order and announced that he received an email from Mrs. Weisner and she will not be in attendance at the meeting. Present: Joe Collins, Harry Basehart, Eddie Boyd, Charlie Gray, Deke Sheller and G.A. Harrison came in a little later.

County support staff: Frank McKenzie, Planning and Zoning Melissa Holland, sitting in for Matthew Creamer as Recording Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Sheller and second by Mr. Basehart the minutes of April 27, 2012 were unanimously approved.

Mr. McKenzie told the committee of a new feature he had discovered on the software which would enable him to verify plan to make sure there were no errors.

Testing was done to ensure that the software program would not fail as it did last time causing them to end their meeting quickly. Adjustments were made to the Districts to ensure the committee had the correct numbers and population of blacks and whites in the districts especially District 1 which is a minority district.

Mr. Harrison made a motion to excise Newtown and use Rt. 50 as a boundary however the motion died due to a lack of a second. Newtown was placed in District 1.

Discussion took place for quite a while until they came up with a plan which everyone agreed with. It was decided that Mr. McKenzie would have the maps available within the next week in order for the committee to be able to see their plan on the map.

Mr. Sheller made a motion to accept what was done today with the plan and to meet one more time to finalize their plan with a second from Mr. Harrison and unanimously approved.

Mr. Basehart said they need to discuss what type of presentation will be done to present this plan to the County Council. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Mr. Boyd asked for the numbers on voting age populations for all districts to which Mr. McKenzie said he would get them that information.

Mr. Collins called for any old business to which there was none and for any new business to which there was none.

A date was set for the next Redistricting Committee to be June 18, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Meeting was adjourned.