

**RULES, ENACTMENTS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
Held in Room 318  
PUTNAM COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING  
CARMEL, NEW YORK 10512**

**Members: Chairman Othmer, Legislators Albano & Gross**

**Thursday** **January 26, 2012**  
**(Immediately following Eco Dev Mtg. starting @ 6:30 P.M.)**

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 P.M. by Chairman Othmer who led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, Legislators Albano, Gross and Chairman Othmer were present.

**Item #3 - Approval of Minutes – November 22, 2011**

The minutes were approved as submitted.

**Item #4 - Approval/Re-Appointment/Putnam County Board of Ethics/Delamere**

Legislator Albano made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; seconded by Legislator Gross. All in favor.

**Item #5 - Report of the Re-Districting Commission/Discussion**

Legislator Albano stated that the Commission was trying to have the Legislative Districts under a 10% deviation. He stated that his district went into three different towns. He did not understand how the people could be represented appropriately. Legislative Counsel Van Ross worked on re-districting the maps, and with the help of the Committee came up with a few scenarios. The final draft which everyone found most appropriate was Option #7.

Legislative Counsel Van Ross stated that members of the Commission consisted of; himself, Jim DiBella, Karin Greenfield-Sanders and Anthony Maccarini. He stated that Jim and Karin were present this evening. The Commission's first desire was to keep the districts similar to that of the existing districts. They created a total of seven options. Options 3, 5 & 7 were options that dealt with the under 10% deviation. Of those three, Option 7 was the one the Commission recommended which has a deviation of 8.8%. Option 7 takes more into consideration with respect to the community of interest of the particular areas in the County. Legislative Counsel explained how the districts were changed.

Legislator Birmingham stated that Option #7 changes an Election District. He questioned if the Legislature had the power to make that change or do the Election Commissioners have that sole power. If they do not accept the proposal will we have to come back and change the maps?

Legislative Counsel Van Ross stated that the Commission has met with and made the proposal to the Election Commissioners. They approved the proposal and would make the necessary changes upon the request from the Legislature.

Legislative Counsel Van Ross stated that the Local Law that is supplied as part of this package pertains to Option #7.

**a) Approval/Request to Board of Elections/Transfer Portion of  
Patterson Election District #6 to Patterson Election District #3**

Legislator Gross made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

**b) Approval/Local Law to Amend Chapter 70 of the Putnam County  
Code Entitled "Legislative Districts"**

Legislator Albano made a motion to pre-file the necessary resolution; seconded by Legislator Gross. All in favor.

There being no further business, at 7:35 P.M., Legislator Gross made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Legislator Albano. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Diane Schonfeld, Deputy Clerk.