

**MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
JANUARY 21, 2016**

Present: Jan Bowers, Dick Bowers, Gayle Carroll, Eric Carroll, David Eldredge, Jeff Hadley, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Elizabeth Kelsey, Mike Kelsey, Dean Knight, Dolly Parkhurst, Mary Ann Pina, Pat Switchenko, Lou Urbano, Sally Urbano, Deborah Waugh and Robert Waugh

Guests: Michael Dowd, Barbara Dowd, Robert Downer, David Gould, Fran Manzelli, Anthony Schiavi, Lou Parascando, Rick Gleason, Linda Bond and Allen Waters

- 1) **Call To Order** – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed all guests.
- 2) **Linda Bond** – Chairman Hughes introduced Linda Bond, a resident of Yarmouth (previously Harwich), who recently announced her candidacy for Barnstable County Commissioner. She loves the Cape and recognizes that it faces unique challenges. Among her goals, Linda wishes to bring back fiscal responsibility. As a mother of twin boys and owner—operator of a day care center for 7 years, Linda is also passionate about child advocacy and keeping children safe. She also shared her concern with opiate addiction. Her campaign manager is Rick Gleason, past Chair of the Harwich RTC, and she concluded she is “in it to win it”.
- 3) **Bobbi Downer** – Bobbi represents Donald Trump on Cape Cod. He moved to the Cape three years ago. As a retired police sergeant, he spent nine years in drug enforcement. He is putting together a push for Trump, but admits he is behind any Republican candidate 110% and needs our help. He can be reached at bobedowmer@gmail.com.
- 4) **Fran Manzelli** – Fran has formally announced his candidacy for re-election to the Massachusetts Republican State Committee for the Cape and Islands. Fran has also served as the president of the Cape Cod Republican Club (CCRC) for more than a decade. Anyone who joins the CCRC will be invited to all events. The State Committee met the previous night, and 56 out of 80 people are being challenged so it is particularly important to vote on March 1st. He stressed the importance of uniting behind the Presidential Republican nominee. He announced that his Kick Off & Fundraiser for State Committee is Tuesday, January 26th, 2016 at Doubletree on Route 28 in Hyannis from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- 5) **Allen Waters** – Allen Waters was welcomed as a Candidate of the 9th Congressional District. He chose to spend his milestone birthday with the Harwich RTC. He spoke about his background being from RI originally and from Mashpee since 2005. He wishes to support people who don't get help from Congress and does give back to his community. He expressed his interest is assisting people climb out of their poverty. Allen believes the tax code is out of control and that we can do better with education. As a “rough and tumble guy”, Allen wants to help people for a better and

stronger America.

- 6) **Tony Schiavi** - Tony, who is running for State Senate, reported his campaign is going great and over 200 people came to his kick-off in December. He is building a grass roots campaign and appreciates the support he has received.
- 7) **Minutes** – The minutes were previously e-mailed and distributed for review by Secretary Pat Switchenko. Dean Knight made a motion to approve the minutes of November 19, 2015, which was seconded by Gayle Carroll. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 8) **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Mary Ann Pina said she submitted the Final Report for 2015. The beginning balance was \$1411.71. The cost of the P. O. Box was \$74 and membership donations were \$30 resulting in a final balance of \$1367.71.
- 9) **Old Business:**
 - a. **Web Site and Face Book** – No updates; looks great.
 - b. **Harwich Voter Registration Packet** – Chairman Hughes suggested that we review it and use as a reference for encouraging registration of those “leaning” Republican. It was recognized that there were errors and outdated information but still of value and can be used to energize the base.
- 10) **New Business:**
 - a. **Mock Presidential Election** – Chairman Hughes led the process of the mock Presidential election by requesting the membership to identify their top three choices. Of this selection, the top four were Rubio, Trump, Cruz and Christie. When the committee was asked again for their top single choice from this list, Trump won with 14 votes, followed by Rubio with 9 and Cruz with 1.
- 11) **Political Updates** – Chairman Hughes informed the membership that free cash certified was \$4M (as compared to \$2.5M last year). He encouraged people to vote on March 1st and mentioned absentee ballots were available and distributed them.
- 12) **Next Meeting** – The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM, with a birthday cake in celebration of Allen Water's birthday. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 18th at 7 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Switchenko, Secretary
Harwich Republican Town Committee**