

**MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 18, 2016**

Present: Jan Bowers, Dick Bowers, Gayle Carroll, Eric Carroll, David Eldredge, Jeff Hadley, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Susan Mills, Dolly Parkhurst, Mary Ann Pina and Judith Sullivan

Guests: Fran Manzelli, Anthony Schiavi, Lou Parascando, Rick Gleason, Linda Bond, Julie Parrella, Steve Parrella, Tom O'Malley, Jayne O'Malley and Jeremy Sullivan

- 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) **Minutes** – The minutes were previously e-mailed and distributed for review by Secretary Pat Switchenko. Eric Carroll made a motion to approve the minutes of January 21, 2016, which was seconded by Jan Bowers. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Mary Ann Pina said the beginning balance was \$1367.71. There was a \$100 check written for Cape Cod Cares for Its Troops and interest generated of \$.06 resulting in a final balance of \$1267.77. Linda Hughes made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Eric Carroll and approved by all.
- 4) **Old Business:**
 - a. **Web Site/Face Book** – New guests were in attendance as they found our organization on the Harwich RTC web site.
- 5) **New Business:**
 - a. **Primaries**– There was a general discussion on primaries. The MA Primary is March 1st. Fran Manzelli is looking for help and for sign holding. There was also discussion on write-ins for the Republican Committee ballot.
 - b. **Tom O'Malley** - Tom and his sister Jayne were in attendance. Tom is running for the 9th Congressional District. He is a South Boston native and spent 30 years in the Navy. He brings his experience as a leader and hopes to be a catalyst for change. He wants to fight for our district and wants our support. See his website: www.OMalleyforCongress.com.
 - c. **Mock Presidential Election** – Chairman Hughes led the process of the mock Presidential election by requesting the membership to identify their top two choices. Of this selection, the top three were Rubio, Cruz and Trump. When the committee was asked again for their top single choice from this list, Rubio won with 11 votes,

followed by Trump with 6 and Cruz with 4.

6) Candidate/Political Updates:

- a. Linda Bond** – Linda’s kick-off is March 13th (4:30 – 7 PM) at the Irish Village.
- b. Tony Schiavi** – Tony’s Mashpee event last week was highly successful. For the St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Yarmouth, Tony has a large truck and wants people to participate. He was recently on the Ed Lambert show. He is looking for a team captain in each town to coordinate his campaign.
- c. Fran Manzelli** – Fran mentioned that 56 out of 80 are being challenged on the State Committee. Charlie Baker and Karen Polito have expressed their strong support for Fran.
- d. Tom O’Malley** – Tom has an event on March 15th in Pembroke and there are future events planned for the Cape.
- e. Allen Waters** - Allen has officially pulled out of his campaign.
- f. State Committee** – They are reorganizing in March, and Charlie Baker and Karen Polito are heavily invested.
- g. National Convention** – Information was shared.

7) Local Updates:

The Town Administrator presented 79 articles in the warrant. One Selectman has additional legal problems. The Town Administrator does not have the votes to extend his contract.

- 8) Next Meeting** – The meeting was adjourned and the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 17th at 7 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Gayle Carroll on behalf of
Pat Switchenko, Secretary
Harwich Republican Town Committee**