

**MINUTES  
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE  
MARCH 17, 2016**

**Present:** Jan Bowers, Dick Bowers, Gayle Carroll, Eric Carroll, Peter Hughes, Dean Knight, Dolly Parkhurst, Mary Ann Pina, Debe Schiavi, Judith Sullivan, Pat Switchenko, Lou Urbano and Sally Urbano

- 1) **Call To Order** – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) **2015 Annual Reports** – Chairman Hughes distributed the Town of Harwich 2015 Annual Reports Book. Additional copies are available outside the Town Clerk's office and Community Center.
- 3) **Ballot** – Chairman Hughes displayed the results of the Harwich RTC election, asking for how many was it the first time on the ballot. He congratulated Tony and Debe Schiavi for winning with write-in votes.
- 4) **Minutes** – The minutes were previously e-mailed and distributed for review by Secretary Pat Switchenko. Gayle Carroll made a motion to approve the minutes of February 18, 2016, which was seconded by Dean Knight. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously. Pat Switchenko thanked Gayle and Eric Carroll for their support with last month's minutes in her absence.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Mary Ann Pina said the beginning balance was \$1267.71. There was \$.05 in interest and \$70 donation resulting in a final balance of \$1337.82. Pat Switchenko made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Dean Knight and approved by all.
- 6) **Sub-Committee Reports:**
  - a. **Nominating Committee** - Chairman Hughes told the committee that during an upcoming Organizing Meeting in Early April (between April 1<sup>st</sup> and April 10<sup>th</sup>), state law requires the election of officers: Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. In Harwich, we will also elect a Vice Chair. The current officers agreed to re-run. As Nominating Committee Chair, Dick Bowers with Lou Urbano's assistance, will search for anyone else interested in running and create a ballot, if needed.
- 7) **Old Business:**
  - a. **Web Site/Face Book** – Both Eric and Gayle Carroll explained how they keep Facebook and the web site updated with candidate and event information. Pat will provide Gayle the link to the Cape RTC Google calendar which is a tool for informing candidates when the local RTCs meet.

- b. **Selectman Candidates** - Chairman Hughes mentioned that Town Election is 5/17 and suggested that we could invite Selectman candidates to our next meeting to speak.

**8) New Business:**

- a. **Organizing Meeting**– Chairman Hughes reiterated that under state law, we need to schedule an organizing meeting ten days between the 30<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> days after the election of the committee (which is between April 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>). At the meeting, we need to pass by-laws (which we revised 11/21/13), elect officers and organize a City Committee (all members of Harwich RTC). We also need to register with the MassGOP and fill out a Statement of Organization. A tentative date for the meeting is April 7, 2016 at 7 PM subject to the availability of the room. Each member will receive a notification of the meeting via U. S. mail.
- b. **Debates/Upcoming Elections** - There was discussion on upcoming debates and members' opinions of candidates. Dean Knight is taking steps to become a delegate.

**9) Political Updates:**

The Town Administrator's contract was extended for two years. There are two openings for the Board of Selectman, for which three candidates are running. On the ballot for the upcoming Town Meeting are a wastewater issue, a Wychmere Harbor reconstruction project and a petition to elect a 5 member board to serve as a judge/jury of complaints with public officials.

- 10) Next Meeting** – Dean Knight made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Judy Sullivan, which ended at 8:10 PM. The next meeting is the Organizing Meeting (which was subsequently confirmed as Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM – thanks to the Urbanos), which will replace our meeting of April 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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