

**MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
MARCH 19, 2015**

Present: Jan Bowers, Dick Bowers, Gayle Carroll, Eric Carroll, David Eldredge, Peter Hughes, Linda Hughes, Susan Mills, Dolly Parkhurst, Mary Ann Pina, Judith Sullivan, Pat Switchenko, Lou Urbano, Sally Urbano, Deborah Waugh and Robert Waugh.

Guests: Mike and Beth Kelsey

- 1) **Call To Order** – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed guests Mike and Beth Kelsey from the Brewster RTC.
- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes, which were previously e-mailed, were distributed for review. Jan Bowers made a motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2015, which was seconded by Deborah Waugh. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** – Mary Ann Pina reported that there was a beginning balance of \$1,161.21. With \$.05 earned in interest and \$100 received from voluntary member contributions, the ending balance is \$1,261.26. Pat Switchenko made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Linda Hughes. There was no discussion and the report was approved unanimously.
- 4) **Executive Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Chair** – Chairman Hughes shared that he and Dick Bowers had reviewed the membership list and identified nine Regular Members who were inactive. They developed a letter, which he read at the meeting, which they mailed to them asking if they would consider changing to Associate Members. They could still attend meetings, and it would free up space for others who might wish to be more actively involved. The following five agreed to change their status to Associate Members: Juell E. Buckwold, Marjorie Frith, Barbara A. Madson, Robert F. McNulty and James V. Pappas. Deb Waugh made a motion for these five people to be changed from Regular to Associate Members. Jan Bowers seconded the motion. There was no discussion and all voted in favor. Now, there are 29 Regular members, which opens up six slots. Chairman Hughes encouraged the members to let people know there were open opportunities.
- 5) **Old Business:**
 - a. **HRTC Web Site** – Eric has been working hard on the web site along with assistance from Chairman Hughes, Pat Switchenko and Jeremy Gingras, Executive Director – Harwich Chamber of Commerce. Eric presented the website on his laptop describing the information and documents that were posted. Gayle Carroll said that now the HRTC Face book page feeds onto the website. He is in the process of adding new photos to the website. Chairman Hughes thanked Eric for his efforts and asked everyone to review

the site and provide feedback. The site is <http://harwichgop.com/>.

6) New Business:

a. Charlie Baker Fundraiser – There were no recent updates from Fran Meany on the fundraising event.

7) Political Updates:

a. What's in the News – Chairman Hughes reminded people that there are two open seats on the Board of Selectman. At present, Mike MacAskill is running unopposed for the one-year position. For the three-year position, Matt Hart filed nomination papers, and Janelle Winston Brown has taken nomination papers out. The deadline for taking out nomination papers is Friday, March 27th. Matt Hart may attend our next meeting.

Chairman Hughes also addressed the Monomoy School budget issue as well as the status of the vacant Middle School.

8) Next Meeting – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 16th at 7 PM. Chairman Hughes will be away, but Vice Chair Carroll agreed to run the meeting. Chairman Hughes suggested that we obtain a copy of the warrant for the next meeting, and discuss the articles with assistance from Lou and Sally Urbano. David Eldredge shared a couple of straw polls pertaining to the election, which Chairman Hughes thought we could do at a future meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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