

**MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
APRIL 16, 2015**

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

Guests: Dan Murphy and Matt Hart

- 1) **Call To Order** – Vice Chairman Eric Carroll, filling in for Chairman Peter Hughes, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed new resident and guest Dan Murphy. He also welcomed Matt Hart, candidate for Harwich Selectman, when he arrived later.
- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes, which were previously e-mailed, were distributed for review. David Eldredge made a motion to approve the minutes of March 19, 2015, which was seconded by Gayle Carroll. 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 \$1,261.26. With \$.05 earned in interest and \$40 received from voluntary member contributions, the ending balance is \$1,301.31. Pat Switchenko made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Jan Bowers. There was no discussion and the report was approved unanimously.
- 4) **Executive Committee Reports:** No updates.
- 5) **Old Business:**
 - a. **HRTC Web Site** – Eric said he was still working on the web site and asked for feedback. Pat commented that he did a great job with keeping the information updated, noting the added pictures, minutes and the interface with the Face book page. Eric then presented an invoice he received from Jeremy Gingras, Executive Director – Harwich Chamber of Commerce. The total was \$300 for setting up the web site and web hosting. Jeremy also offered to provide one year of training. There was discussion that the HRTC would also like to present Jeremy with a tip/gift, perhaps \$50. This tip (both the amount and process) will be discussed further at the next meeting. Gayle then made a motion to approve payment on the \$300 invoice, which was seconded by Lou Urbano and approved by all. Once again the site is: <http://harwichgop.com/>.
- 6) **New Business:**
 - a. **Charlie Baker Fundraiser** – There were no updates from Fran Meany on the fundraising event. However, there is a fundraiser

scheduled for Jim Cummings on May 19th.

- b. Fundraising at First Crush Winery** – Eric suggested that we consider another fundraiser at First Crush Winery, remembering that the last one was so successful. Dick Bowers will be speaking to Dr. Puzio and offered to address this topic with him. Dick also had sent an email to the HRTC about the 11th Annual Troops in the Spotlight on May 24 – 25 in the Kmart Plaza in Hyannis.
- c. Leo Cakounes** – Due to another meeting, Leo could not attend the HRTC but sent his regards. Eric expressed his appreciation for all that Leo does. David Eldredge suggested that Leo's farm might be another good place to host a fundraiser.
- d. Political Surveys** – Pat handed out two political surveys that were used by the Chatham RTC. She already received a few responses, but suggested that anyone interested should complete and send back to her by the next meeting. Eric also had a 2016 Presidential Election Candidate Tracker which he provided to Pat to issue with the minutes.

7) Matt Hart – Eric welcomed Matt Hart, a candidate for Harwich Selectman. Matt shared his background, which includes 50 year of management and career accomplishments. Currently as the Chairman of the Harwich, MA Waterways Committee, he is interested in promoting the Harwich Harbor waterside and landside development projects. He is also focused on the Saquatucket Marina and the former Downey Property. Matt is pro-business and his focus is communications. He will participate in a debate on May 2nd at the Harwich Community Center. When asked what we can do for him, he mentioned that he would have lawn signs within a few days.

8) Political Updates:

What's in the News – Town Meeting is May 4th. Eric explained that Article 33 would allow the town to purchase 4 acres of land in the West Reservoir area. A "yes" vote will allow the Harwich Conservation Trust to protect the Herring River and wildlife on this land. The Town Election is May 19th. Lou Urbano spoke for the HRTC when he said that Eric did a great job running the meeting.

9) Next Meeting – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 21st at 7 PM. Deborah Waugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Jan Bowers. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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