

**MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
MAY 22, 2014**

Present: Dick Bowers, Jan Bowers, Gayle Carroll, Eric Carroll, David Eldredge, Jeff Hadley, Dolly Parkhurst, Louise Marahrens, Paul Marahrens, Mary Ann Pina and Pat Switchenko.

- 1) **Call To Order** – Vice Chairman Jeff Hadley called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Vice Chairman Hadley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes, which were previously e-mailed, were distributed for review. Paul Marahrens made a motion to approve the minutes of April 17, 2014, which was seconded by Eric Carroll. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

- 3) **Executive Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Chair** – Chairman Hughes was not present.

 - b. **Vice Chair** – Jeff Hadley had no updates.

 - c. **Secretary** – Pat Switchenko had no updates.

 - d. **Treasurer** – Mary Ann Pina presented that the current balance was \$3405.05. She was waiting for all refund checks to be cashed from the Massachusetts State Convention and one checked has not been cashed. Jeff Hadley thought it might be him and he agreed to look into it.

- 4) **Sub-Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Nomination Committee** – Paul Marahrens had nothing to report.

 - b. **Membership Committee** – Dean Knight was not present.

 - c. **Fundraising Committee** – Dick Bowers is looking into his own (not committee) fundraiser for Tim Whelan.

 - b. **Publicity Committee** – There were no updates.

 - c. **Program Committee** – There were no updates.

- 5) **Old Business:**
 - a. **'Get Out the Vote'** – In working with Ben Keilman, Eric found that the information cannot be downloaded on the I Pads as originally thought. The application cannot handle the load. Ben will continue to work with Eric and Dean to make the process as smooth as possible. The hope is that small searches can still be supported. The phone banks are still working fine; it is just the information gathering, which is overloading the application. There is still a need for captains for Precincts 2, 3 and 4.

 - b. **Web Site Evaluation** – Eric Carroll has been working with Rick Gleason on site administration issues. Once Rick becomes Eric's friend on

Facebook, then Gail can access Facebook. We need to take over the web site once the lease expires, which is 9/156/15.

c. By Laws – Pat mentioned that Judy Crocker sent a By-Laws template a few months ago and mentioned that our revised By-Laws need to be in compliance. Pat offered to send the latest revised By-Laws as well as Judy’s template to Paul and Dick, and asked if they examine it further.

d. Town Meeting/Town Election - Jeff was recognized for speaking at Town Meeting. There was much discussion on the override articles. It was suggested that as members of the HRTC, we should take topics and learn more about them. We could attend town committee meetings and/or review minutes on the town website to gain more knowledge. When the warrant comes out, Chairman Hughes can assign topics and we could write letters or address at Town Meeting.

e. Status of Donated Books – Pat previously contacted Susan Mills about the status of the donated books for passed members. Susan purchased Fighting for Common Ground by Olympia Snow for Pat Klammer and added Barbara Doherty’s name. She also bought 100 Years: Official Centennial Edition by Ronald Reagan for Dick Hoyer and added Bob Miller’s name. She did not recall purchasing a third book for all passed members. Our plans as we go forward can be addressed in the next meeting.

6) New Business:

a. Donations to State and Federal Candidates – It was mentioned that donations could be made by the HRTC after the primaries, although members could contribute individually on their own. Dick volunteered to join Eric and Paul (and possibly Dean) on this sub-committee.

b. Michael O’Keefe Fundraiser – No discussion.

7) Political Updates – It was confirmed that Mark Fisher was on the ballot. Paul shared information about upcoming events on Memorial Day weekend – National Cemetery at Bourne as well as Cape Cod Cares for the Troops at the K-Mart Plaza. Eric informed the HRTC about the efforts to appeal the Annual Gas Tax Increase (tied into CPI). Signatures for this appeal are due June 18th at the town Clerk’s Office. David also provided an updated on the Justine Pelletier case.

8) Conclusion – Dick made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Jan. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 19th at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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