

**MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
JUNE 19, 2014**

Present: Dick Bowers, Jan Bowers, Gayle Carroll, Eric Carroll, Jeff Hadley, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Susan Mills, Judith Sullivan, Dolly Parkhurst, Pat Switchenko, Deborah Waugh and Robert Waugh.

Guests: Leo Cakounes, Allen Waters, Mark Dennen, Bob Wilson, Dan Shores, Louis Urbano, Sally Urbano and Dick Schrader.

- 1) **Call To Order** – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He then led the Pledge of Allegiance. The guests were introduced and welcomed.
- 2) **Leo Cakounes**, a candidate for County Commissioner, addressed the group. He identified ways people could help him. He has scheduled an open house at his farm on Saturday, June 28th for his campaign kick-off. Also, he encouraged people to support Don Howell for the Assembly of Delegates position.
- 3) **Dan Shores**, a candidate for the 9th Congressional District, presented his background. He is from Carver and comes from a farming/logging family with strong work ethics. He has degrees in both Mechanical Engineering as well as law. He discussed the current leadership crisis and scandals. For more information, see www.danshores2014.com.
- 4) **Allen Waters**, a candidate for State Senate, introduced himself as an investment consultant, coming from a political family. He expressed his concern with unemployment, particularly among minorities. He stressed the need for moral leadership and he would like the opportunity to represent the Cape the best he can with honesty and integrity. He also discussed his position on many other issues.
- 5) **Minutes** – The minutes, which were previously e-mailed, were distributed for review. Eric Carroll made a motion to approve the minutes of May 22, 2014, which was seconded by Jan Bowers. When open for discussion, Dick Bowers pointed out two corrections that were needed. The minutes were approved unanimously as amended.
- 6) **Executive Committee Reports** - None
- 7) **Sub-Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Nomination Committee** – A position has expired on the Board of Registrars which would be discussed later in the meeting.
 - b. **Membership Committee** – None.
 - c. **Fundraising Committee** – None.
 - d. **Publicity Committee** – Pat Switchenko offered to announce our meetings in the calendar sections in the Cape Codder and Cape Cod

Chronicle. Events need a two week notice for the publications. If anyone else has additional events to publicize, they can send to Pat.

e. Program Committee – None

8) Old Business:

a. 'Get Out the Vote' – Eric Carroll informed the committee that Ben Keilman put together a Walk Book. The Walk Book can be downloaded to a PC and then moved to a tablet. It cannot be downloaded directly onto a tablet.

b. Web Site Evaluation – No update.

c. Status of Donated Books – Susan Mills did confirm that she purchased the two books for passed members of the HRTC. Although she has not purchased a third book, she could do it and welcomed book title suggestions.

d. By Laws – The Harwich By-Laws that were approved on November 21, 2013 were issued. Although it was not stated, it was implied in the By-Laws that anyone wishing to be removed from the Harwich HTC must put their request in writing. If anyone has any further corrections, please let Dick Bowers know. Peter did remind the group that the State does give By-Law guidance.

9) New Business:

a. Board of Registrars – Don Howell's term expires on June 30, 2014. The Nominating Committee identified three candidates to be placed on a ballot. The Harwich Board of Selectman will then appoint a registrar from the ballot. The three candidates are Eric Carroll, Dolly Parkhurst and Gail Carroll. They all confirmed they would be happy to serve. There was no discussion and when asked, the committee had no other names to consider. Deb Waugh made a motion that the Harwich Republican Town Committee recommended that Eric Carroll, Dolly Parkhurst and Gail Carroll be considered as candidates for the Board of Registrars. It was seconded by Judy Sullivan and all voted in favor.

b. Fourth of July Parade – The committee was encouraged to participate in the parade, organized by the Chatham RTC. It is only a 1 ¼ mile walk and participants need to be there an hour in advance.

c. Donations to Candidates – Peter reminded the committee that as an organization we cannot make any donations if there are primaries. However, we can support unopposed candidates. After some discussion, Linda Hughes made a motion to contribute \$250 to Leo Cakounes' campaign for County Commissioner. It was seconded by Judy Sullivan, and all voted in favor. Then Judy Sullivan made a motion to contribute \$100 to Michael O'Keefe's campaign for District Attorney. It was seconded by Linda Hughes and approved by all. Peter asked Pat to prepare letters for the candidates, and he would reach out to Mary Ann

Pina for the checks.

10) Political updates –

- a. At its annual meeting, The Cape Cod Republican Committee elected Peter as the new Vice-President. He was congratulated and it was mentioned that we should have a press release.
- b. It was announced that over 26,000 signatures were collected to repeal the automatic gas tax hikes. Yes 2 Repeal will be on the November ballot.
- c. Dick Bowers distributed flyers on the fundraiser for Tim Whelan on August 2nd (4 – 6:30 PM) at First Crush Winery. He emphasized that Tim is a breath of fresh air.
- d. Eric Carroll is helping Leo Cakounes with his election. He is trying to organize “Meet and Greet” events in the neighborhoods and asked interested parties to contact him.

11) Conclusion –The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 17th at 7 PM.

NOTE: After the meeting, attendee Bob Wilson provided musical entertainment. He was being considered as an entertainer at the Tim Whelan fundraiser on August 2nd.

Respectfully Submitted,

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