

**MINUTES  
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 20, 2015**

**Present:** Jan Bowers, Dick Bowers, Gayle Carroll, Eric Carroll, David Eldredge, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Dolly Parkhurst, Judith Sullivan, Pat Switchenko, Deborah Waugh and Robert Waugh.

**Guests:** Will Crocker – Barnstable Town Council; Elizabeth Kelsey – Brewster Republican Town Committee.

- 1) **Call To Order** – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed guests Will Crocker and Elizabeth Kelsey. Will explained that he was representing Judy Crocker, who was running for re-election as the State Committee Woman and also Fran Manzelli running as the State Committee Man. They represent the Cape, with the exception of Falmouth, Bourne and Mashpee. He passed around papers for the HRTC signatures. The election will be in March, 2016 and he thanked everyone for their support.
  
- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes were previously e-mailed and distributed for review. Eric Carroll made a motion to approve the minutes of July 16, 2015, which was seconded by Deborah Waugh. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
  
- 3) **Executive Committee Reports:**
  - a. **Chair** – Chairman Hughes announced that all HRTC members must sign Ward and Town Committee Nomination Papers to be placed on the ballot. He asked that everyone at the meeting sign the papers, and he was seeking volunteers to get the remaining signatures.  
  
Also, the Town Clerk noted that Susan Mills and Dorothy Parkhurst were ineligible to be on the list of 2015 Election Workers, since they were also Registrars. Chairman Hughes suggested that they be replaced by Donald Howell and Deborah Sementa, who had expressed interest in the past. Judith Sullivan made a motion to remove Susan Mills and Dorothy Parkhurst from the 2015 Election Workers list, and to add Donald Howell and Deborah Sementa. The motion was seconded by Gayle Carroll and approved by all. Chairman Hughes signed letters with this change to be delivered to the Board of Selectman and Town Clerk.
  
  - b. **Secretary** – Pat Switchenko has been sending minutes and agendas to HRTC members, as well as Judy Crocker and Fran Manzelli. She would like to increase her email distribution list to include interested parties and/or prospective HRTC members. Currently, we have 29 HRTC members, and can add up to 6 more to reach our 35 maximum. She requested that the membership share with her the email addresses of anyone else to add to the list.

**4) Old Business:**

- a. **HRTC Web Site** – Chairman Hughes suggested that the flyer for the upcoming fundraiser be posted.
- b. **Presidential Debate** – Chairman Hughes initiated discussion on both debates asking for the members' opinions.
- c. **Lower Cape Fundraiser** – Chairman Hughes, along with Eric Carroll and Dick Bowers, recently attended a planning meeting for this event, and a flyer was distributed. This fundraiser will be held Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> (3:30 – 6:30) at the Elks Lodge in Eastham. The cost is \$50 for each adult, which will be used to support national and local candidates. Chairman Hughes had signed an Agreement relating to the planned joint fundraising event with other RTC Chairs.
- d. **Albro House Update** – Lou Urbano was recovering from his accident. He was recently presented with a banner for the Albro House, which he really appreciated.
- e. **First Crush Winery** – Due to the Lower Cape Fundraiser on September 20<sup>th</sup>, it was agreed to eliminate any near-term plans for an event at First Crush Winery.

**5) New Business:**

- a. **Mock 2016 Presidential Primary** - Chairman Hughes led the group in making selections for their top choices in the 2016 Presidential Republican Primary. Pat had created a ballot based on the selections at the last meeting. Members were asked to identify their top three choices on the revised ballot. The top vote-getters (in order) were Marco Rubio, Scott Walker and Carly Fiorina (tied), John Kasich, Donald Trump, Dr. Ben Carson, Ted Cruz and a tie between Bobby Jindal and Jeb Bush. Looking at it from a different perspective, the top candidates who received #1 votes were (in order): Donald Trump, Scott Walker, and a tie between March Rubio and John Kasich.
- 6) **Next Meeting** – Eric Carroll agreed to fill in for Chairman Hughes at the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 17th at 7 PM.

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