

**MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015**

Present: Jan Bowers, Dick Bowers, Gayle Carroll, Eric Carroll, Dean Knight, Dolly Parkhurst and Pat Switchenko

Guests: Fran Manzelli – President, Cape Cod Republican Club; Mike and Beth Kelsey, Brewster and Arlyn Geist (guest of Eric and Gayle Carroll)

- 1) **Call To Order** – In Chairman Peter Hughes' absence, Vice Chairman Eric Carroll called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM, led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed guests Fran Manzelli, Mike and Beth Kelsey as well as Arlyn Geist.
- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes were previously e-mailed and distributed for review. Gayle Carroll made a motion to approve the minutes of August 20, 2015, which was seconded by Jan Bowers. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 3) **Executive Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Secretary** – Pat Switchenko mentioned again that she would like to increase her email distribution list to include interested parties and/or prospective HRTC members. She requested that the membership share with her the email addresses of anyone else to add to the list. She thanked those who have already provided names.
- 4) **Sub-Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Fundraising** – Members were encouraged to attend the 9/20 joint RTC fundraising event. Eric had a list of those planning to attend. Pat agreed to send an email with this list of names to the HRTC so everyone would know who would be there. Dick Bowers also mentioned there may be a fundraiser at First Crush Winery in October.
- 5) **Old Business:**
 - a. **HRTC Ballot for Signatures** – We have 18 signatures for the ballot and can have up to 35 members. Eric and Dick are collecting signatures, a process which is done every four years.
- 6) **New Business:**
 - a. **Mock 2016 Presidential Primary** – Eric led the group in making selections for their top choice in the 2016 Presidential Republican Primary and issued his ballots. The results were Marco Rubio won first place and Scott Walker, Donald Trump and Dr. Ben Carson tied for second place.
 - b. **Ballot to End Common Core** – Eric is a team captain in the efforts to end Common Core. He asked for volunteers to assist with gathering signatures on the ballot.

7) Political Updates – Fran Manzelli updated the HRTC on local activities.

8) Next Meeting – Dean Knight made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Gayle and approved by all. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 15th at 7 PM.

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