

**MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 15, 2015**

Present: Jan Bowers, Dick Bowers, Gayle Carroll, Eric Carroll, David Eldredge, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Mary Ann Pina, Pat Switchenko and Deborah Waugh.

Guests: Mike and Beth Kelsey (Brewster), Duncan Berry (friend of Gayle Carroll and Lou Urbano) and Maureen Healey (friend of Dean Knight).

- 1) **Call To Order** – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM, led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed guests Mike and Beth Kelsey as well as Duncan Berry and Maureen Healey. He then thanked Vice Chairman Eric Carroll for filling in for him at last month's meeting.
- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes were previously e-mailed and distributed for review by Secretary Pat Switchenko. Eric Carroll made a motion to approve the minutes of September 17, 2015, which was seconded by Gayle Carroll. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Mary Ann Pina reported that there was \$.12 interest earned in the last three months. After a \$100 contribution was made to the Albro House, the ending balance was \$771.56. Pat Switchenko made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Linda Hughes and approved by all.
- 4) **Old Business:**
 - a. **Web Site and Face Book** – Eric Carroll had no update on the website and Gayle Carroll commented that Face Book was up-to-date. Chairman Hughes suggested that we add photos from the 9/20 joint RTC fundraiser and Beth Kelsey offered to check into it.
 - b. **Joint RTC Fundraiser** – Mike Kelsey praised Chairman Hughes for the excellent job he did as moderator of the 9/20 fundraiser to which all agreed. Chairman Hughes said it was a great turnout, where 16 HRTC members attended. Harwich will receive a check for \$640, which will be sent to Mary Ann Pina and will enable the committee to build a war chest for next year's elections. Eric Carroll and Dick Bowers were thanked for their event coordination. Chairman Hughes agreed to send the Brewster list to Beth Kelsey.
 - c. **HRTC Ballot for Signatures** – Eric and Dick have collected 28 signatures for the ballot and can have up to 35 members. The ballot is due Friday, November 6th. Pat offered to provide them names from the email distribution list who might be new prospects.
 - d. **Ballot to End Common Core** – Eric is a team captain in the efforts to end Common Core. About 18,000 signatures have been

secured on the Cape, and they need 120,000 statewide. The deadline for signatures is November 13th. Signatures are being collected at the Cape Cod Mall on weekends (10 AM – 4 PM). Contact Eric or Gayle Carroll for more information.

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. Members were asked to identify their 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices. As a result, Trump had the most votes as both a 1st place pick as well as total votes. The following top vote getters will be placed on next month's ballot: Donald Trump, Dr. Ben Carson, Carly Fiorina, Marco Rubio, Ted Cruz and John Kasich. The mock election was followed by a lively discussion.

6) Political Updates – Chairman Hughes announced that two County Commissioner positions are open. Dan Wolf will be stepping down from his position. Fran Manzelli and Judy Crocker are both up for re-election. Duncan Berry asked what was the State doing for the RTC and the party which generated discussion on the 'Get Out the Vote' effort. Beth Kelsey presented how much was contributed to the candidates from the CCRC.

7) Honorary Members – Dick Bowers nominated Mike and Beth Kelsey to be Honorary Members. According to our By-Laws: “ **E. Honorary Members** - The Committee may elect Honorary Members from enrolled Republicans who have given extraordinary support to the Republican Party. They shall have all the rights and privileges of members except the right to vote. “ It was acknowledged that the Kelseys have given tremendous support to the RTC. All voted in favor.

8) Next Meeting –The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19th at 7 PM.

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