

**MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 20, 2014**

Present: Jan Bowers, Dick Bowers, Gayle Carroll, Eric Carroll, David Eldredge, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Dean Knight, Arthur Palleschi, Dolly Parkhurst, Deborah Waugh, Robert Waugh and Pat Switchenko.

Guests: Fran Manzelli, President – Cape Cod Republican Club and Louis Urbano

- 1) **Call To Order** – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and then led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed Fran Manzelli, Chair – Cape Cod Republican Committee and Louis Urbano.
- 2) **Chairman's Comments** – Chairman Hughes recognized the Committee for the time and effort they dedicated to the November Election. He was happy with the results of the Republican candidates. He shared that on the day of the election, he joined Leo Cakounes in a 15 passenger van decorated with Leo's signs and visited 29 polling places on Election Day. Dean Knight thanked the members who made over 100 phone calls, encouraging people to vote.
- 3) **Minutes** – The minutes, which were previously e-mailed, were distributed for review. Dean Knight made a motion to approve the minutes of October 16, which was seconded by Linda Hughes. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report** – None.
- 5) **Executive Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Chair** – Chairman Hughes announced that due to conflicts with his work schedule, Jeff Hadley offered his resignation as Vice-Chairman, but he will continue to serve as a member. He asked if anyone might be interested in filling that role. Chairman Hughes also asked Pat Switchenko to prepare a letter to Jeff for his signature which expresses our appreciation for his service. He asked Dick Bowers if he could check with the Fire Department about reserving space for our 2015 meetings, which he thought Jeff handled in the past. In addition, Paul and Louise Marahrens were relocating and would no longer be able to serve as HRTC members.
- 6) **Comments from Fran Manzelli** – Fran is the President of the Cape Cod Republican Club (CCRC) and he announced that our Chair Peter Hughes is the Vice President of this organization. He encouraged the HRTC to attend the CCRC annual Christmas party on Sunday, 12/7 at 5:30 PM at the Double Tree Inn in Hyannis. He distributed the CCRC application form for anyone interested in joining. Fran also reviewed the success of the Republican Party in the recent election. He issued a copy of an editorial letter by Harry Cutts of Harwich, and suggested that our Membership

Chair Dean Knight reach out to him to see if would like to join the HRTC.

7) Old Business:

- a. **Website/Face book Updates** – The HRTC continues to appreciate Gayle Carroll's support in keeping the Face book page updated. Chairman Hughes, Pat Switchenko and Eric Carroll will meet to discuss next steps for improving the HRTC web site. Pat acknowledged that Eric did a great job reviewing and grading other RTC web sites. Fran suggested that assistance may be available at a state level through Brian Wynn, which we may consider.

8) New Business:

- a. **Annual Member Contributions** – Chairman Hughes issued forms for voluntary contributions to the HRTC as we enter a new year. He asked that Pat Switchenko send the forms to those not in attendance at the meeting.

9) Political Updates:

- a. **What's in the News** – The topic of immigration reform was raised and Dean Knight described the challenging process his wife went through to secure citizenship.

- b. **Local Update** – Chairman Hughes addressed the state budget shortfall, which potentially could reduce the budget for regional school transportation, impacting the Monomoy regional schools.

- 10) Next Meeting** – Chairman Hughes asked if anyone objected to cancelling the next meeting on December 18th as the membership had a busy year and deserved a break as well as its proximity to Christmas and no one objected. Dean Knight made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 15th, 2015 at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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