

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

Present: Dick Bowers, Jan Bowers, Gayle Carroll, David Eldredge, Jeff Hadley, Peter Hughes, Barbara Madson, Robert Waugh, Deborah Waugh, Pat Switchenko, Mary Ann Pina and Dolly Parkhurst.

Guests:

None.

- 1) **Call To Order** – The meeting was called to order by Chairman Peter Hughes at 7:00 PM. Chairman Hughes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes, which were previously e-mailed, were distributed for review. Jan Bowers made a motion to approve the minutes of January 16, 2014, which was seconded by Deborah Waugh and the minutes were approved unanimously.

- 3) **Executive Committee Reports:**
 - a. Vice-Chair Jeff Hadley had no updates to report but would be addressing the web site later in the meeting.

 - b. Secretary Pat Switchenko had no updates to report. However, she requested that members identify themselves (or be identified) when making or seconding a motion during the meetings.

 - c. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Mary Ann Pina presented that we earned \$.13 in interest and the resulting balance was \$2,946.35. Gayle Carroll made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report which was seconded by Jan Bowers and approved by all.

- 4) **Sub-Committee Reports:**

None.

- 5) **Old Business:**
 - a. **'Get Out the Vote'** – Chairman Hughes shared that we are working with Mass Victory. Dean Knight is serving as the Team Captain and will get people organized, eventually to go door-to-door. He is looking for four Precinct Captains, and Eric Carroll had volunteered to assist. Anyone else interested is advised to contact Dean.

 - b. **Web Site Evaluation** – Jeff Hadley said his web site activity was mostly maintenance. He has added minutes, meeting agendas as well as important dates from the calendar. According to Gayle, Eric Carroll has been reviewing our website and comparing it to others. He will be contacting Jeff to discuss further. It was suggested that they should provide an update on their collective findings by our next meeting. Jeff also wanted to add the list of members, possibly with email addresses to

the website. Although no one opposed a list of names, Chairman Hughes recommended that we initially just include his email address. Over time, we could consider adding Program Chairs, Officers, etc if needed. Pat offered to provide the Membership List to Jeff. It was also suggested that we Google “Harwich Republican Town Committee” to observe the ease (or not) of finding the new web site and discuss the results at the next meeting. Jeff also will reach out to Rick Gleason to delete the old link when ready.

c. Massachusetts State Convention Update – Dick Bowers informed the committee that all of the delegates had registered with the exception of Bill Doherty, whom Dick was still trying to contact. Although there may be no need for an alternate, the alternate can still attend but not allowed to vote. Buses have been arranged for a fee of \$15 round-trip, which can be paid to Greg Durette or Dick Bowers. Greg did need to know how many delegates were planning to leave from West Barnstable vs. Sandwich for planning purposes. The convention will be from 8 AM – 5 PM, and the bus leaves West Barnstable at 6 AM. At our next meeting on March 20th, we can discuss refreshments on the bus. Jan Bowers shared her experiences over the past two conventions and Gayle said there was information on the website. Chairman Hughes asked Gayle if she could review the website and share the agenda and activities at our next meeting.

Dick Bowers brought up that we raised \$2,137 at the recent Charlie Baker Fundraiser at Wequassett. He also mentioned that since delegates were paying \$85 each, he would like consideration of reimbursing each delegate \$50 to offset expenses. Dick made a motion to reimburse Massachusetts Convention Delegates \$50 each, which was seconded by Deborah.

After further discussion, it was agreed the \$45 was a more appropriate reimbursement. Dick made an amended motion to reimburse Massachusetts Convention Delegates \$45 each, which was seconded by Deborah and approved by all. Treasurer Mary Ann Pina agreed to investigate the logistics of the request and report back at the next meeting. Also, at the next meeting we will identify which delegates choose not to be reimbursed.

d. February 15th Workshop - No report was given. Due to inclement weather, no one from Harwich attended.

e. Lincoln Day function on February 9th – Chairman Hughes announced that this event with Chatham was well-attended with about 150 participants.

6) New Business:

a. Mass Victory on Saturday, February 22nd - A presentation will be made by consultant Ben Kielman at the Chatham Community Center from

10 AM – 11:15 AM. All are welcome, and Chairman Hughes, Dick and Eric were planning to attend. Feedback will be provided at the next meeting.

b. **Wine Tasting Social on Saturday, April 12th** – A fundraiser at First Crush Winery was proposed from 4 PM – 6 PM, where tickets would cost \$30 per person or \$50 per couple (pay at the door). We would provide food. Candidates will be invited to attend, as well as other Republican Town Committees and any friends or family members. Ideally, we are seeking attendance of at least 75 people. Deborah made a motion to hold the Wine tasting Fundraiser on April 12th from 4 – 6 PM. David Eldredge seconded the motion and all approved. Gayle and Deborah will coordinate the “finger food”, which people can make or buy. It was suggested that we create a sign-up sheet for food contributions for the next meeting. Jan will be the contact person for attendance. A flyer will also be created. Chairman Hughes signed up Linda and himself to attend.

d. **Political Updates** – Chairman Hughes is running for re-election as Selectman. Also, Angelo La Mantia is taking out papers for re-election as Selectman. Bill Doherty will not seek another term on the Board of County Commissioners. Now seeking the Barnstable County Commissioner position are Mark Forest, Ed McManus and Leo Cakounes.

e. **Conclusion** – Barbara Madson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 20th, 2014 at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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