

**MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
AUGUST 21, 2014**

Present: Gayle Carroll, Eric Carroll, David Eldredge, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Dolly Parkhurst, Judith Sullivan, Louise Marahrens, Paul Marahrens, Mary Ann Pina and Pat Switchenko.

Guests: Leo Cakounes

- 1) **Call To Order** – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes, which were previously e-mailed, were distributed for review. Paul Marahrens made a motion to approve the minutes of July 17, 2014, which was seconded by Eric Carroll. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously. Louise Marahrens was thanked for taking the minutes at the last meeting.

- 3) **Treasurer's Report** – Mary Ann Pina presented that the last balance was \$3154.21. There was interest of \$.26. A contribution was made to Tim Whelan for \$200. The ending balance was \$3096.02. She was still awaiting a check to clear which explains the discrepancy. Paul Marahrens made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Linda Hughes and approved by all.

- 4) **Executive Committee Reports - None**

- 5) **Sub-Committee Reports – None.** Pat Switchenko did make a comment that she was sending the HRTC meeting announcements to the Cape Cod Chronicle in the calendar section, which has been published in the last two months.

- 6) **Old Business:**
 - a. **'Get Out the Vote'** – Eric Carroll informed the committee that signs for Charlie Baker are now available in Hyannis.

 - b. **Contributions to State and Federal Candidates** – Chairman Hughes explained that the primary is September 9, 2014 and if we wait until our next meeting on September 18, 2014 to make a decision on candidate donations we are losing valuable time. Our contributions to the candidates are important and we don't want to wait. He suggested that we might wish to commit monies prior to the next meeting to show our support and proposed the following allocations:

Potential Contributions Post Primary:	
Governor	\$100
Lt Governor	\$100
Treasurer	\$100
Attorney General	\$50
Sec of State	\$50
Auditor	\$50
9 th Congressional	\$200
U S Senate	\$100
Cape & Islands Senate	\$100
Tim Whelan 1 st Barnstable Rep	\$100
Leo Cakounes County Comm	\$200
Don Howell Assy of Delegates	\$100
 Total	 \$1250

The committee discussed the proposal and there was agreement. Dolly Parkhurst made a motion for pre-authorization of contributions to be sent immediately after primary results are in. It was seconded by Paul Marahrens and approved unanimously.

After subsequent discussion, it was felt that the committee would prefer to make a contribution of \$100 to Allen Waters (Cape & Island Senate) prior to the campaign as opposed to a contribution to the winner post-primary. This is a contribution without an endorsement.

Paul Marahrens then made a motion for reconsideration of the motion just passed for pre-authorization of contributions after the primary. This was seconded by Pat Switchenko and approved by all.

A new motion was then made by Paul Marahrens to accept the preauthorization of all proposed contributions after the primary with the exception of the State Senator (Cape & Islands) for a total of \$1150. This was seconded by Linda Hughes and approved by all.

Paul Marahrens made another motion to make a contribution to Allen Waters of \$100 running for State Senator (Cape & Islands) immediately – prior to the primary. Pat Switchenko seconded this. With the exception of Eric Carroll who opposed the motion, the rest of the committee voted in favor.

c. Leo Cakounes – As a candidate for County Commissioner, Leo addressed the group and outlined his fundraising activities. He also suggested the consideration of radio advertisements. He thanked Peter Hughes and Eric Carroll for their assistance and support. There were also discussions and suggestions of how Leo could gain exposure in other communities. If anyone wishes to hold signs for Leo during the elections, contact Leo or Eric or send an email to voteleo@comcast.net. He also had signs and bumper stickers.

7) **Political Updates (Local)** –The ribbon cutting for the Monomoy Regional High School was August 21st and a comment was made that the school is beautiful.

8) Next Meeting/Event Announcements –

- Tuesday, 9/2 @ 4 PM – Lower Cape 9th Congressional Debate at the Chatham Community Center.
- Wednesday, 9/3 – Cape Cod Republican Club (CCRC) 9th Congressional Debate at the Cape Codder, Rte 132 in Hyannis. Doors open @ 6 PM and debate starts @ 7 PM.
- Sunday, 9/7 @ 4 PM – CCRC Annual Picnic, 2786 Main Street, Barnstable Village.
- Tuesday, 9/9 – Primary Elections. There is training for Election Workers on 9/4 @ 2 PM.

Gail Carroll made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Linda Hughes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 18th at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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