

**MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 16, 2014**

Present: Jan Bowers, Dick Bowers, Gayle Carroll, Eric Carroll, Peter Hughes, Dean Knight, Louise Marahrens, Paul Marahrens, Dolly Parkhurst, Deborah Waugh, Robert Waugh, Mary Ann Pina and Pat Switchenko.

- 1) **Call To Order** – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes, which were previously e-mailed, were distributed for review. Dean Knight made a motion to approve the minutes of September 18, 2014, which was seconded by Jan Bowers. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** – Mary Ann Pina presented that the balance from last month was \$2626.44. There was interest of \$.12. The ending balance was \$1885.01. Two checks for \$100 each have not been cashed. One of the two was made to Don Howell who will be returning the check, since he did not form a committee. Chairman Hughes also noted that Don Howell, Leo Cakounes and Tim Whelan all thanked the HRTC for their contributions. Mary Ann did indicate that the post office box needs to be renewed by the end of the month at a cost of \$72. Paul Marahrens made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Dean Knight and approved by all.
- 4) **Old Business:**
 - a. **Mass Victory** – Chairman Hughes was called looking for a minimum of six people to volunteer to make calls at Mass Victory in Hyannis. Dick Bowers also sent out an e-mail blast. The following four volunteered: Dean Knight, David Eldredge, David Bassett and Dottie Hemmings – Bassett and they all available Tuesday, 10/28 from 5 – 7. Dean Knight offered to drive. Chairman and Linda Hughes are also considering to attain our minimum of six people. Chairman Hughes asked if anyone else were interested, please contact him.
 - b. **'Get Out the Vote'** – Dean Knight spoke to Megan who replaced Ben Keilman in Hyannis. He said he wanted to do more to get out the vote. As a result, Megan gave him four packets, one for each precinct district with 100 names on each list. He was looking for volunteers for people to take the lists, call them and encourage them to vote. The results go back to Hyannis. There is information on the candidates as well as a script in the packets. The following agreed to take the packets:
 - 1st Precinct – Eric Carroll
 - 2nd Precinct – Dick Bowers (who will give to Linda Hughes when done)
 - 3rd Precinct – Paul & Louise Marahrens
 - 4th Precinct – Dolly Parkhurst

Paul Marahrens did make a comment that it would be helpful if there were one web page/link to direct Harwich voters to get information on all the local candidates. At Chairman Hughes' request, Dean Knight will ask Megan if the Mass GOP has such a page for our district.

c. Website/Face book Update – Gayle Carroll was complimented on Face Book page. However, fixes are still needed on the web site. Chairman Hughes contacted Angela who created Leo Cakounes web site. After she reviewed and compared our site to other RTC sites, she estimated she might be able to fix for site for \$400 - \$700. We need a small team of 2 – 3 people to work with her, and Pat Switchenko and Eric Carroll agreed to join Chairman Hughes on this team. This effort will take place after the election, although the HRTC team should meet first.

d. Stand-Outs - There will be a Stand-Out on Sat, October 18th at the Orleans Rotary from 11 – 1. There is another Stand Out in Chatham at the Village Market on October 25th. Eric Carroll mentioned that Leo Cakounes needed H brackets for his signs, and Dick Bowers said that he has some. Don Howell has 40 additional signs.

5) New Business:

a. Election Day Sign Holders – Chairman Hughes said we needed sign holders on Election Day. He will be joining Leo driving around the Cape on Election Day.

b. Campaign Contributions - With sufficient funds in our account, there was discussion about whether the HRTC should contribute more money to candidates; if so, how much and to whom?

After much discussion among the committee members, Pat Switchenko made a motion to contribute \$250 to John Chapman and \$250 to Leo Cakounes, which was seconded by Dick Bowers. When Chairman Hughes asked if there was any discussion, Dean suggested that more money should go to John Chapman, and made an amendment to the motion that \$500 should go to John Chapman and \$250 to Leo Cakounes. This was seconded by Mary Ann Pina and approved by all.

3) Next Meeting – Chairman Hughes concluded the meeting by encouraging everyone to get out and vote. Dean Knight made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Deborah Waugh, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20th at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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