

**MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
APRIL 7, 2016**

Present: Jan Bowers, Dick Bowers, Gayle Carroll, Eric Carroll, David Eldredge, Jeff Hadley, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Dean Knight, Susan Mills, Dolly Parkhurst, Mary Ann Pina, Anthony Schiavi, Debe Schiavi, Judith Sullivan, Pat Switchenko, Lou Urbano, Sally Urbano and Deborah Waugh

Guests: Judith Crocker, Republican State Committeewoman – Cape & Islands District; Francis Manzelli, Republican State Committeeman – Cape & Islands District, Duncan Berry

- 1) **Call To Order** – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was introduced as a Reorganizational Meeting and Chairman Hughes called on Judy Crocker and Fran Manzelli to direct us through the process. It was established that a quorum was present so we could proceed.
- 2) **By-Laws** – Pat Switchenko made a motion to approve the By-Laws dated November, 21, 2013. The motion was seconded by Jan Bowers. There was no discussion and all voted in favor.
- 3) **Elections -**
 - a. **Treasurer:** Chairman Hughes made a motion to nominate Mary Ann Pina as Treasurer of the Harwich RTC, which was seconded by Dick Bowers. There was no discussion and no other nominations. All voted in favor.
 - b. **Secretary:** Chairman Hughes made a motion to nominate Pat Switchenko as Secretary of the Harwich RTC, which was seconded by Jan Bowers. There was no discussion and no other nominations. All voted in favor.
 - c. **Chair:** Gayle Carroll made a motion to nominate Peter Hughes as Chair of the Harwich RTC, which was seconded by Pat Switchenko. There was no discussion and no other nominations. All voted in favor.
 - d. **Vice Chair:** Dick Bowers made a motion to nominate Eric Carroll as Vice Chair of the Harwich RTC, which was seconded by Lou Urbano. There was no discussion and no other nominations. All voted in favor.

We were reminded that as members our term is for four years; as officers the term is two years.

4) Review Member List –

Chairman Hughes reviewed the Harwich RTC member list voted at the town/primary election held on March 1, 2016. He also read the names of the Associate Members. Dean Knight made a motion to accept the members, which was seconded by Deborah Waugh and approved by all. Since Honorary Members were not recognized by the state, they did not need to be approved.

5) Subcommittee Chairs –

It was decided to defer discussion and election of Subcommittee Chairs until the next meeting.

6) Minutes – The minutes were previously e-mailed and distributed for review by Secretary Pat Switchenko. Dean Knight made a motion to approve the minutes of March 17, 2016, which was seconded by Gayle Carroll. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

7) Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Mary Ann Pina said the beginning balance was \$1337.82. There was \$100 payment for the web site (Jeremy Gingras) and \$.06 in interest resulting in a final balance of \$1237.88. Chairman Hughes also reported that the Lower Cape Republican Council was disbanded and the funds were disbursed across the RTCs. The Harwich RTC received a check of \$329.61. There was also a reminder that the suggested Harwich RTC member donation is \$20 per person and \$30 per couple/family.

8) Old Business:

a. Web Site/Face Book – It was agreed that the web site looked great and Gayle Carroll is diligent about Facebook.

9) New Business:

a. Town Election (5/17) – There are two openings on the Board of Selectmen for which two incumbents and two new candidates are running. Chairman Hughes encouraged the Committee to vote and understand the candidates' positions. There is an upcoming LWV debate, which might be the only public forum for the candidates.

In addition, there will be a non-binding issue on the ballot which will give direction to the Town on what to do with the Middle School.

b. Town Meeting (5/2) – The Town Meeting is 5/2 and they are streamlining the warrant. There are two ballot issues.

- b. Presidential Primaries** - There was discussion on the primaries and it was agreed it was a fascinating time for both Democrats and Republicans. Dean Knight plans to attend the delegate session in Plymouth on Saturday, 4/30 and offered to drive anyone else who was interested. It is expected that four delegates and four alternate delegates will be elected in Plymouth. Judy Crocker proceeded to share her experience with the delegate process.

10) Political Updates:

- a.** Tony Schiavi announced that he has a new web site, which was more integrated with social media. He has started knocking on doors and is seeking volunteers for stand-outs. His campaign is going well, and his next fundraiser is at the Seaview in Dennisport next week. He is very happy to be part of the Harwich RTC.

- b.** Judy Crocker updated the Committee on the State election results. On the Republican State Committee, Fran Manzelli is the new Assistant Treasurer. From Region 5, Fran Manzelli is also the Vice Chair, and the representative on the Budget Committee. Judy Crocker is the Region 5 representative to the Candidates Forum. Congratulations to both of them.

11) Next Meeting – The meeting concluded at 7:55 PM and the next meeting is Thursday, May 19th at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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