

**MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 16, 2017**

Present: Gayle Carroll, Eric Carroll, David Eldredge, Jeff Hadley, Dean Knight, Pat Switchenko, Bob Waugh and Deborah Waugh

- 1) **Call To Order** – Vice Chairman Eric Carroll, who filling in for Chairman Peter Hughes, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes were previously e-mailed and then distributed by Secretary Pat Switchenko. Deborah Waugh made a motion to approve the minutes of January 19, 2017, which was seconded by Gayle Carroll. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 3) **Treasurer’s Report** – None.
- 4) **Old Business:**
 - a. **Web Site/Face Book** – Gayle Carroll shared that everything was going well with Facebook.
 - b. **Harwich RTC Banner** – Eric Carroll said the banner will be unveiled at our next meeting, and they were pleased with the outcome.
 - c. **Harwich Town Committee Volunteer Recruitment Fair** - This event took place on Saturday, January 28th at the Harwich Community Center. It gave attendees an opportunity to meet town committee representatives and learn more about committee service and how it contributes to the success of our town. It was well-attended.
 - d. **Suggested Donations** – Eric Carroll reminded the members that this is the time of year to consider a suggested donation; i.e., \$20 per person and \$35 per couple.
- 5) **New Business:**
 - a. **Dean Knight Attended the Inauguration** – Dean shared his interesting experience attending President Trump’s inauguration with his son. Dean commended Keating’s office for their support in getting tickets; unfortunately, he did not get the same level of support from the Mass GOP. It was well-orchestrated, the crowd loved President Trump’s speech and they were able to see screens displaying past inaugurations. Dean also shared comments about the Women’s March held the

following day.

6) Local and Political Updates:

* **State Issues** – There was concern expressed about the State of Massachusetts, including the lack of support of Trump, budget cuts which impact the Cape and the pay raises recently voted in.

* **County Issues** – David Eldredge brought up the proposed reorganization of the County Commission.

* **Other Issues** – Jeff Hadley commented how he watches the mainstream media and observes such bias. David Eldredge added how bias creates anger.

7) Next Meeting – Dean Knight made a motion to end the meeting at 7:45 PM, which was seconded by Gayle Carroll and approved by all. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16th at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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