

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

Present: Jan Bowers, Dick Bowers, Gayle Carroll, Peter Hughes, Dolly Parkhurst, Debe Schiavi, Pat Switchenko and Deborah Waugh

- 1) **Call To Order** –Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then wished Eric Carroll well as he was recovering from back surgery. Although the unveiling of the new Harwich RTC banner was expected tonight, Rebecca Hamlin and Eric Carroll wished to defer it until next month when Eric returns.
- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes were previously e-mailed and then distributed by Secretary Pat Switchenko. Gayle Carroll made a motion to approve the minutes of February 16, 2017, which was seconded by Deborah Waugh. 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 has updated Facebook to delete campaign information and photos. She also shared information about Operation Flags for Vets, which she will add to Facebook. This is a program of the SFC Jared C. Monti Charitable Foundation, a **501(c) 3** nonprofit organization that supports flags for the National Cemetery in Bourne. Donations may be made as follows: c/o Mr. Paul T. Monti, 408 Center St, Raynham, MA 02676.
- 5) **New Business:**
 - a. **New Ideas** – Chairman Hughes encouraged the membership to bring their friends to meetings.
- 6) **Local and Political Updates:**

Board of Selectman: Peter Hughes and Angelo LaMantia will not be running for re-election for the Harwich Board of Selectmen. To date, Larry Ballentine and Rob Mador have taken out nomination papers to run for Selectmen.

Water Resources: Chairman Hughes issued two documents for review: “Protecting our Water resources – Town of Harwich, Phase 2 Implementation” and a Wastewater Education Handbook. He explained that every town needs to put together a plan to address cleaning up ground water. The topic will be

discussed at the 2017 Annual Town Meeting in Articles 11 and 12. The near-term plan is to remove nitrogen in the Pleasant Bay watershed via sewerage, and naturally remove nitrogen in the Cold Brook area.

Sanctuary City: There is a petition circulating regarding Harwich as a Sanctuary City. This petition article would direct the town not to use its resources to enforce federal immigration laws unless officers have a criminal warrant or evidence of probable cause of another crime.

Cape Downwinders: This organization is calling for the immediate closure of the Pilgrim Nuclear Power station. They have initiated a Cape-wide non-binding ballot campaign to get spent fuel moved to dry cask storage.

East Harwich Station 2 – Seeking funding to design facility.

Next Meeting – The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 20th at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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