

**MINUTES  
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE  
APRIL 20, 2017**

**Present:** Jan Bowers, Dick Bowers, Gayle Carroll, David Eldredge, Jeff Hadley, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Elizabeth Kelsey, Mike Kelsey, Fran Manzelli, Anthony Schiavi, Debe Schiavi, Pat Switchenko, Lou Urbano, Sally Urbano, Deborah Waugh and Robert Waugh

**Guests:** Duncan Berry and Kristen Berry

- 1) **Call To Order** –Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed Dick Bowers and Tony Schiavi back. He then wished Eric Carroll well as he was recovering from back surgery at home. He also welcomed our State Representative Fran Manzelli.
- 2) **Banner** – Neither Rebecca Hamlin (attending a skating competition!) nor Eric Carroll was available to present our new banner, so the unveiling will be done at a future meeting.
- 3) **Minutes** – The minutes were previously e-mailed and then distributed by Secretary Pat Switchenko. Jan Bowers made a motion to approve the minutes of March 16, 2017, which was seconded by Deborah Waugh. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report** – In Mary Ann Pina's absence, Chairman Hughes reported that the balance was \$1,698.91. Pat Switchenko made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Linda Hughes. There was no discussion and was approved by all.
- 5) **Executive Committee Report (Yard Sale)** – Linda Hughes and Gayle Carroll volunteered to organize a yard sale, where the proceeds would benefit the Harwich RTC. Linda shared that the choices include paying for a couple of table at the Harwich Community Center at a community-wide event in the summer (perhaps August) or securing space in someone's yard in a highly visible location. The members should send Linda and Gayle an email identifying the items they can contribute. They would also need 3 – 4 workers on the day of the event. At the end, anything leftover will be donated to the Treasure Chest (unless the owner takes it back). Chairman Hughes suggested that we should first pick a date and location and Pat could create and distribute a flyer. If not a yard sale, we can also coordinate another fundraising event at First Crush Winery, which has always been successful.

**6) Old Business:**

**Web Site/Face Book** – Gayle Carroll is continually adding more content to the Facebook page.

**7) New Business:**

**Town Meeting** – Chairman Hughes discussed the upcoming meeting on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and encouraged the membership to attend. He stressed the importance of two articles: Article 11 (IMA Capacity Purchase Fee and Design of interconnection with Chatham and sewers in the Pleasant Bay Watershed) and Article 12 (Cold Brook Project)

Lou and Sally Urbano also discussed their articles to prohibit the demolition and dismantling of the West Harwich School and the use of the Harwich Middle School for Town Owned Housing.

Chairman Hughes handed out the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and then highlighted a few more articles in the document. He reminded all that the Harwich Town Election is on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **8) 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, Don Howell and Rob Mador are running for Selectmen.

**State:** Fran Manzelli presented some updates from the State. The Cape Cod Republican Club Annual Meeting is Saturday, 5/20 at the Barnstable Golf Course.

**National:** Chairman Hughes remarked about significance of the recent appointment of Neil Gorsuch as a Supreme Court Justice.

**Other News:** Beth Kelsey announced that Cape Cod Cares for its Troops event is Sunday, May 28. They need grillers. Anyone interested can contact Beth or Michelle DeSilva. When making donation, one can personalize box for a cost of \$20 for postage. Dick Bowers said that Aaron Charette, his grandson, who some have sponsored, is back. Linda Hughes shared that she met a couple of women from Yarmouth at a Republican Ladies Club. She provided them with Rick Gleason's name as a contact. Linda explained the importance of outreach.

**Next Meeting** – The meeting was adjourned at 8 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18th at 7 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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