

**MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
MAY 18, 2017**

Present: Jan Bowers, Gayle Carroll, Eric Carroll, Jeff Hadley, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Elizabeth Kelsey, Mike Kelsey, Fran Manzelli, Dolly Parkhurst, Mary Ann Pina, Pat Switchenko, Deborah Waugh and Robert Waugh

Guests: Rebecca Hamlin and David Danish

- 1) **Call To Order** –Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed our State Representative Fran Manzelli and Rebecca Hamlin from Tim Whelan’s office. He also welcomed David Danish and congratulated him for being the newly elected RTC Chair in Brewster. He offered to provide support from the Harwich RTC.
- 2) **Banner** – Rebecca Hamlin and Eric Carroll presented our new banner, and Eric expressed his appreciation to Rebecca for volunteering to design the banner.
- 3) **Minutes** – The minutes were previously e-mailed and then distributed by Secretary Pat Switchenko. Gayle Carroll made a motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2017, which was seconded by Deborah Waugh. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 4) **Treasurer’s Report** – Treasurer Mary Ann Pina reported that the previous balance was \$1,698.91. With a donation of \$50 and interest at \$.07, the current balance is \$1,748.98. Pat Switchenko made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report, which was seconded by Jan Bowers. 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 yard sale at the Community Center is Saturday, August 5th (9AM – 1 PM). To donate items please email Linda at phughes41@comcast.net. Donated items need to be dropped off at 41 Martha’s Lane in South Harwich by August 4th. She needs a few volunteers to transport and set up the items and others to work the event. She reminded everyone that any unsold items will be donated to the Harwich Treasure Chest. She will know more next month and will update the membership at the next meeting.
- 6) **Old Business:**
 - a) **Web Site/Face Book** – Gayle Carroll is adding a group picture and the new banner.
 - b) **Town Meeting/Town Election** – The meeting took place over two nights and everything that we wanted to pass did pass. The ballot questions were also passed in the Town Election. For Board of Selectmen, the winners were Larry Ballentine and Don Howell. Voter turnout was low with approximately 1500 people voting.

7) New Business:

- a) **Board of Registrars Nominations** – According to Chairman Hughes, Susan Mills was reappointed to the Board of Registrars last year. Now Dolly Parkhurst's term is up. Since we are required to nominate three members for the Board to submit to the Board of Selectmen, the three names proposed are: Dolly Parkhurst, Eric Carroll and Linda Hughes. Pat Switchenko made a motion to nominate these three members for the Board of Registrars position. This was seconded by Linda Hughes and all voted in favor.
- b) **Election Workers** – Annually, the Harwich RTC is required to submit a list of election workers to the Board of Registrars. The list from 2016 was updated. Pat Switchenko made a motion to accept the proposed list of 2017 Election Workers. The motion was seconded by Mary Ann Pina and approved by all. Pat Switchenko will update the list with a revised cover letter and submit to Chairman Hughes for his signature.
- c) **Cape Cod Cares for the Troops** – Beth Kelsey reminded everyone about the program on Memorial Day. They could use more volunteers. Gift cards and certificates would be appreciated. The money raised helps to send Christmas packages to the troops overseas. Linda Hughes made a motion to donate \$100 to Cape Cod Cares for the Troops from the Harwich RTC. It was seconded by Jan Bowers and approved by all. Rebecca Hamlin thought Dennis Public Market will make a contribution.
- d) **Placement of Flags** – Flags will be placed at Bourne National Cemetery on Saturday, May 27th and assistance is needed. There are a total of 44,000 flags that need to be placed at 77,000 sites.

8) Political Updates:

- **Regional:** Rebecca Hamlin updated the team with some of Tim Whelan's political activities. She highlighted his bi-partisan joint filing for increasing the penalties for distributing and trafficking of oxycodone and derivatives of oxycodone.
- **State:** Fran Manzelli presented some updates from the State. He also announced/reminded the team of the following upcoming events:
 - The Cape Cod Republican Club Annual Meeting is Saturday, May 20th at the Hyannis Golf Club. It is anticipated that V.A.Shiva Ayyadurai will be attending and is expressing an interest in running against Elizabeth Warren.
 - The GOP Summer Get-Together is at the Cape Codder on June 28th at 5 PM. Food is free!
 - The Republican night at the Red Sox game is on June 9th.

Next Meeting – The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 15th at 7 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Switchenko, Secretary
Harwich Republican Town Committee