

**MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
MAY 19, 2016**

Present: Jan Bowers, Dick Bowers, Eric Carroll, David Eldredge, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Mary Ann Pina, Anthony Schiavi, Pat Switchenko, Deborah Waugh and Robert Waugh

Guests: Mark Alliegro, Candidate for Congress, 9th District; Jeff Ansell from Brewster

- 1) **Call to Order** – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then welcomed the guests.
- 2) **Mark Alliegro** – Chairman Hughes introduced Mark Alliegro, Candidate for Congress, 9th District and asked how our membership could help him. Mark proceeded to tell the HRTC that he received his certified signatures and has been successful with his fundraising, collecting over \$115K thus far. He announced his upcoming Plymouth Harbor Cruise on 6/21. He believes it is a race between him and Keating, and 2016 is “the year it will happen”. Chairman Hughes reminded all that the HRTC cannot endorse Mark officially or financially contribute to his campaign as a committee if his race is contested. When questioned by Beth Kelsey, Mark said he did not yet have headquarters established but he did share names of his management team. Mark explained that “he” could not win the election but “we” can win it. He asked that the HRTC pick up one of stickers, sign a volunteer sheet or contribute as individuals. When the time is right, Chairman Hughes said we could do stand-outs as long as we had enough signs. As he outlined his efforts, Mark continued that he is leaving “no stone unturned”. In conclusion, Chairman Hughes said to the membership that it is our job to get Mark and all Republicans elected.
- 3) **Minutes** – The minutes from April 7th, 2016 were previously e-mailed and distributed for review by Secretary Pat Switchenko. Dick Bowers pointed out that under the Treasurer’s Report, the reference to the member donation should more specifically state “Harwich RTC member donation” and Pat agreed to amend the minutes. Then, Dick Bowers made a motion approve the minutes, as amended, which was seconded by Eric Carroll. There was no further discussion and the amended minutes were approved unanimously.
- 4) **Treasurer’s Report** - Treasurer Mary Ann Pina said the beginning balance was \$1237.88. There were expenses of \$21.60 (for envelopes and postage), receipt of \$329.66 (disbanding of Lower Cape Republican Council) and \$.05 in interest. The ending balance is \$1545.94. Pat Switchenko made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, which was seconded by Jan Bowers and approved by all.
- 5) **Sub-Committee Reports** – It was decided to defer discussion and election of Subcommittee Chairs (Fundraising, Nominating, Membership and By-Laws) until the next meeting.
- 6) **Old Business:**
 - a. **Web Site/Face Book** – No updates. However, Chairman Hughes suggested to Mark Alliegro that he reach out to Eric and Gayle Carroll with any Face Book updates.
- 7) **New Business:**
 - a. **Board of Registrars**– Susan Mills term will expire on June 30, 2016 on the Board of Registrars and the Harwich RTC is responsible to vote for three HRTC members to be named as candidates and submit to the Harwich Board of Selectmen. After some discussion, three people volunteered to be submitted as candidates. Debbie Waugh made a motion that Susan Mills, Linda Hughes and Mary Ann Pina be candidates for consideration for the Board of Registrars. Pat seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Chairman Hughes asked Pat to prepare a letter for his signature identifying these candidates.

- b. Delegate Election** – Mark Alliegro attended the caucus and found it well-attended and organized. Jeff Beatty from Harwich was recognized as being one of the elected delegates.
- c. Presidential Election** – There was discussion on the upcoming election, including the significance on future Supreme Court appointments, impact of a third party and speculation on Vice Presidential picks.
- d. Memorial Day Activities** – Dick Bower spoke about placement of flags at Bourne National Cemetery and Cape Cod Cares for Its Troops. Beth Kelsey reminded all that volunteers are welcome and very much needed. The Harwich celebration is at Brook Park.
- e. Town Meeting and Town Election** – Chairman Hughes shared that Town Meeting lasted 1.5 nights and drew a big crowd – but not so with Town Election, where only 15% of registered voters voted. Eric Carroll commented that there was not sufficient publicity about the upcoming election. Michael Macaskill and Julie Kavanagh were elected as Selectmen. Approval was given to rebuild Sequatucket Harbor and the housing/seniors use was given the most votes on the non-binding ballot question on what to do with the vacant Harwich Middle School.

8) Political Updates:

Tony Schiavi announced that all was going well with his campaign, and his recent fundraiser at Seaview was successful. He participated in the Brewster in Bloom parade, Candidates Night and has done a lot of door knocking. He continues to seek volunteers.

Beth Kelsey provided an update on Brewster activities.

- 9) Next Meeting** – The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM. The next meeting is Thursday, June 16th at 7 PM at the Harwich Fire Station.

Respectfully Submitted,

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