

**MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
AUGUST 17, 2017**

Present: Gayle Carroll, Eric Carroll, David Eldredge, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Elizabeth Kelsey, Mike Kelsey, Pat Switchenko, Deborah Waugh and Robert Waugh

- 1) **Call To Order** –Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes were previously e-mailed and distributed. Linda Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes of June 15, 2017, which was seconded by Eric Carroll. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 3) **Treasurer’s Report** – None.
- 4) **Old Business:**
 - a) **Yard Sale** – Linda Hughes and Gayle Carroll were commended for organizing a very successful yard sale on August 5th where \$534 was raised. They kindly agreed to donate the proceeds to the Harwich RTC. Lou and Sally Urbano were also thanked for volunteering, and Lou particularly was recognized for his sales skills. Some unsold items are being sold through the Cape Cod Virtual Yard Sale site; very little was dropped off at the Treasure Chest. Chairman Hughes asked the membership to keep the idea of a potential yard sale in mind as a great idea for next year for the Harwich RTC and start collecting items now.
 - b) **Updates on HRTC web site and Facebook** – Gayle Carroll shared that Geoff Diehl was on Fox & Friends recently announcing what he would do for Massachusetts if elected as U. S. Senator, and what Elizabeth Warren was not doing. Gayle would look for a video clip of the segment to post on Facebook. .
- 5) **New Business:**
 - a) **U. S. Senate Candidate Forums** – Originally, a joint meeting with the Harwich and Brewster RTCs was proposed with Dr. Shiva at Captain’s Golf course on September 22nd. Now, two months later, five Republican candidates are opposing Elizabeth Warren in the race for U S Senator. There was considerable discussion on deciding the best option for keeping people informed. Keeping in mind that the MA Convention is April 28, 2018 and the primary is in September, 2018, there is time to schedule forums. It was agreed that the three options under consideration were to proceed with the September 22nd meeting, cancel it or delay any meeting until after the first of the year. Gayle Carroll made a motion to postpone any forums with the Republican U. S Senate candidates until after the first of 2018. It was seconded by Pat Switchenko and approved by all. Chairman Hughes will continue to work with David Danish and Fran Manzelli on implementing the plans.
- 6) **Political Updates: National/State:** There was discussion on the recent Barnstable Republican Club Meeting/Cookout and candidates who were in attendance. David Eldredge mentioned the tragedies in Charlottesville and Barcelona.

Next Meeting – The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 21st at 7 PM.

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