

**MINUTES  
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE  
AUGUST 18, 2016**

**Present:** Jan Bowers, Dick Bowers, Gayle Carroll, Eric Carroll, David Eldredge, Jeff Hadley, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Beth Kelsey, Mike Kelsey, Dean Knight, Mary Ann Pina, Judith Sullivan, Pat Switchenko, Lou Urbano, Sally Urbano, Deborah Waugh and Robert Waugh

**Guests:** Linda Bond (Candidate – Barnstable County Commissioner), Rick Gleason and Taylor Kelsey Morgantini

- 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. Mike Kelsey introduced his and Beth's grand-daughter Taylor. Chairman Hughes also thanked Eric Carroll for filling in for him at the last meeting.
- 2) **Linda Bond** – Chairman Hughes welcomed back Linda Bond, Candidate for Barnstable County Commissioner. Linda issued a hand-out and described the organization of the Barnstable County Government as well as the scope of responsibilities. She was excited to be recognized and was pleased how well her campaign was going. When Chairman Hughes asked how our membership could help, Linda expressed her need for getting signs out, fundraisers and stand-outs. She needs money for mailings and radio advertisements. There are three candidates competing for two seats, and there are no primaries for the Barnstable County Commissioner. Linda then expressed her appreciation for the committee's time and support.
- 3) **Minutes** – The minutes from June 16th, 2016 were previously e-mailed and distributed for review by Secretary Pat Switchenko. (Gayle Carroll actually took the minutes which were typed by Pat). Bob Waugh pointed out that Debby Waugh's first name was misspelled, which Pat agreed to change. Deborah Waugh made a motion to approve the minutes, as amended, which was seconded by Gayle Carroll and approved by all.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Mary Ann Pina said the interest was \$.19 with a balance of \$1,546.13. Pat Switchenko made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Linda Hughes and approved by all. Pat had been receiving emails from the State Office, which she sent to Mary Ann Pina, regarding a recent change to the campaign finance law which impacts how committees would disclose their activity. Chairman Hughes asked if Mary Ann was all set with the changes, which she confirmed.
- 5) **Old Business:**
  - a. **2016 Election Workers** – Chairman Hughes received notification from our Town Clerk that Virginia Stark wished to be added to our previously approved and submitted list of 2016 Election Workers. Lou Urbano made a motion to amend the 2016 Election Workers List to include Virginia Stark. Linda Hughes seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Chairman Hughes asked Pat Switchenko to create an amended list as well as a cover letter for his signature.
  - b. **Election Discussion** – Contact Fran Manzelli if anyone needs Trump material. Mike Kelsey commented that tomorrow is the last day to register. The new Republican headquarters on Cape Cod is at 1600 Falmouth Road in Centerville. There was discussion on the Committee's disappointment in the Massachusetts Republican leadership for not supporting Trump to unify the party. It was emphasized that the

inability to elect a Republican would adversely impact the Supreme Court Justice appointments. Beth Kelsey asked Pat Switchenko if she would issue the absentee ballot to the HRTC. Upcoming events were announced:

-After the primary, there is a Unity Cook-Out at the home of Leo and Andrea Cakounes on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 8 PM.

- The Cape Cod Republican Club will also have a unity event on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

- On August 28<sup>th</sup>, the Carey's will host their annual cook-out in Osterville. It is \$40 per person and is always fabulous. Linda Hughes will use this opportunity to ask each candidate if they are voting for Trump.

- c. **Web Site** – Gayle Carroll explained when guests post comments on our Facebook site, they are displayed in the right hand column. This times out unless Gayle shares them on the Facebook page. When she was away, she didn't have the opportunity to share them so the events dropped off.

**6) New Business:**

**Financial Support**– There was discussion on the process to contribute to Linda Bond's campaign. If there was a primary, the HRTC could not yet support her. But since Linda is not in a contested primary, we can contribute. Jan Bowers made a motion to contribute \$200 to Linda Bond's campaign for Barnstable County Commissioner. This was seconded by Lou Urbano and approved by all.

**7) Political Updates:**

Chairman Hughes provided an update on local activities.

- 8) Next Meeting** – The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM. The next meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, September 29 at 7 PM at the Harwich Fire Station. Chairman Hughes asked Jeff Hadley to confirm that the room is still available at the fire station. We will plan to have a group photo taken at that time.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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