

**MINUTES**  
**HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE**  
**SEPTEMBER 29, 2016**

**Present:** David Bassett, Jan Bowers, Dick Bowers, Gayle Carroll, Eric Carroll, David Eldredge, Jeff Hadley, Dorothy Hemmings-Bassett, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Beth Kelsey, Mike Kelsey, Fran Manzelli, Pat Switchenko, Lou Urbano and Deborah Waugh.

**Guests:** Rebecca Hamlin, Volunteer Recruitment – Tony Schiavi’s Committee

**Call to Order** – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He then welcomed the guests.

- 1) **Rebecca Hamlin** – Chairman Hughes welcomed Rebecca Hamlin, who introduced herself as a campaign advisor and volunteer recruiter for Tony Schiavi’s campaign committee. She previously worked on Tim Whelan’s committee. She thanked Chairman Hughes, Pat and the Kelseys for inviting her to the meeting. As the election day is fast approaching, Rebecca asked for support for Tony. They need volunteers, particularly on Election Day, although she recognized that many people are already working at the polls. There are many stand-out opportunities, and volunteers should not feel confined to only work in Harwich.
- 2) **Tony Schiavi** – Tony appreciated the support for winning the primary but acknowledged that Jim Crocker was a great candidate. He stressed that volunteers are so important and he particularly needs assistance with phone calls. There are many upcoming debates, including the Candidates Forum on 10/15 at Cape Cod Community College. There was uncertainty about whether the debate would be video-taped and Pat agreed to follow-up. (After the meeting she confirmed that the Cape Cod Media Center is taping the debate, and the tape will be available to all community TV stations in the 9<sup>th</sup> district). There are a couple more fundraisers in October as well.
- 3) **Minutes** – The minutes from August 18th, 2016 were previously e-mailed and distributed for review by Secretary Pat Switchenko. Deborah Waugh made a motion to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Jan Bowers and approved by all.
- 4) **Treasurer’s Report** – None. However, Chairman Hughes shared that the balance on the account was about \$1,500, enough to make contributions to political candidates. After some discussion, Linda Hughes made a motion to donate \$500 each to Tony Schiavi and Mark Alliegro, which was seconded by Dick Bowers and approved by all. Beth Kelsey suggested that we also donate to Will Crocker’s campaign, although he was not in our district, for show of support. Linda Hughes made a motion to donate \$100 to Will Crocker, which was seconded by Dick Bowers and approved by all. Pat agreed to contact Treasurer Mary Ann Pina to write the checks, and she offered to prepare letters for Chairman Hughes signature.
- 5) **Old Business:**
  - a. **Web Site** – Gayle Carroll confirmed the site and Facebook were updated and very busy.
- 6) **New Business:**
  - a. **Fundraiser at First Crush Winery** – The event will be held Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> (4 PM – 6 PM). Dick Bowers shared that Cajun Bob will be providing music. It was agreed that \$35 per person was a reasonable admission charge and the proceeds were going to the Harwich RTC. Pat agreed to create a flyer. Tony Schiavi agreed to attend, and Dick

was following up with Mark Alliegro. Beth, Jan, Eric and Gayle agreed to help out. Everyone was asked to bring an appetizer and a friend.

**b. Stand-Outs** – Rebecca Hamlin offered to send the stand-out schedule for Tony Schiavi to Chairman Hughes and Pat, who agreed to forward to the committee. Pat suggested that Tony's team consider attendance at the Orleans BBQ Festival on 10/1 and she forwarded information to Rebecca.

**7) Political Updates:**

According to Fran Manzelli, the #1 Senate seat in the state is the Cape Senate position Tony Schiavi is seeking. Signs and bumper stickers were going fast. We have the opportunity to make Cape Cod "red". When Fran brought up the ballot questions, Chairman Hughes suggested we discuss them at the next meeting. Beth Kelsey informed everyone that the Cape Cod Women's Republican Club has been re-instated. She has flyers and can send to those interested. There is a lunch meeting on 10/7 at the Yarmouth House.

**8) Next Meeting** – The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM. The next meeting is Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7 PM at the Harwich Fire Station. At the end of the meeting, a group photo was taken for the web site.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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