

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

**Present:** Jan Bowers, Dick Bowers, Gayle Carroll, Eric Carroll, Jeff Hadley, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Elizabeth Kelsey, Mike Kelsey, Mary Ann Pina, Pat Switchenko, Lou Urbano, Sally Urbano, Deborah Waugh and Robert Waugh

Guest: Tom Keyes, Campaign for Geoff Diehl

- 1) **Call To Order** –Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed our guest Tom Keyes.
- 2) **Tom Keyes** – As a volunteer and friend of Geoff Diehl, Tom has had nine campaigns himself. Geoff, as a candidate running for U S senator against Elizabeth Warren, is recognized as a “good person” and “bright light”. Tom explained that Geoff wants to be predictable and successful in his initiatives. Geoff did stop the gas tax and was influential in stopping the Olympics in Boston. He has shown leadership on Beacon Hill and will fight for his constituents. In politics since 2010, Geoff knows how to bring in people, votes and dollars.
- 3) **Minutes** – The minutes were previously e-mailed and distributed. Eric Carroll made a motion to approve the minutes of September 21, 2017, which was seconded by Deborah Waugh. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 4) **Treasurer’s Report** – Mary Ann Pina updated the committee with the finances. The previous balance was \$2,153.26. After earning interest of \$.06, the ending balance is \$2153.32. Pat Switchenko made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report. It was seconded by Linda Hughes and all voted in favor.
- 5) **Old Business:**
  - a) **U. S. Senate Candidate Forums** – Not certain of availability of the site and will know more in November.
  - b) **Harwich Voter Database** – Lou Urbano is leading the team with support from Eric Carroll, Gayle Carroll, Beth Kelsey, Jeff Hadley and Sally Urbano. Eric was working to understand the database. Jeff is trying to secure a list of primary voters with the assistance of Anita. Lou wants the membership to come up with a list of Harwich Republicans or like-minded voters. He suggested offering an award, possibly \$100 gift certificate, to the member who has the greatest number of email addresses. Pat offered to send an email to the membership list to ask them to provide the list to Lou, who will contact them. Lou’s goal was getting 100 email addresses prior to the next meeting. Beth inquired as to whether the Harwich RTC has an email address. It was thought we didn’t have one and Beth

offered to set one up.

c) **Harwich RTC Vacancy** – One of our Regular Harwich RTC members, Arthur Palleschi, sadly passed away recently and he was recognized for his accomplishments. When asked if anyone knew of potential candidates, Pat shared that Duncan Berry expressed interest in the past. Lou offered to contact him to assess his level of interest.

d) **HRTC web site and Facebook** – Gayle Carroll provided updates.

**6) New Business:**

a) **Cape Cod Tech** – There was discussion on the upcoming vote on October 24<sup>th</sup>

b) **State GOP Convention** – This will be held in April in Worcester. We can have 12 delegates and Linda, Peter, Dick, Jan and Jeff expressed interest.

c) **Flag Donation** – Eric presented a flag to the Harwich RTC which was donated by Lou and Sally Urbano. It was in Sally's family and we can use it at events with the banner. Could use a flag holder.

d) **Flags for Vets** – Eric Carroll spoke about this program which was started by his friend whose son Jared was killed in the war. Last year 70,000 flags were put out at Bourne Cemetery. They do this every Memorial Day and Veteran's Day.

e) **Flower Angels USA** – Beth and Mike Kelsey will participate in this program where they deliver flowers across the Cape to veterans in nursing homes.

7) **Political Updates:** There will be a fundraiser for Tim Whelan on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Irish Village. John Flores will have a fundraiser at the Yarmouth House on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The CCRC Christmas party is scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM, and Eric will fill in for Peter.

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