

**MINUTES  
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 18, 2018**

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

- 1) **Call To Order** – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) **Guests** - Although candidates Geoff Diehl and Dan Shores were tentatively scheduled as guests, both needed to cancel our meeting and could not attend. Chairman Hughes did discuss the status of some of the other candidates.
- 3) **Minutes** – The minutes were previously e-mailed and distributed. Jan Bowers made a motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 2017, which was seconded by Pete Switchenko. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously. Secretary Pat Switchenko asked the membership to review both the 2018 Membership List as well as the Calendar and let her know of any changes or additions.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Mary Ann Pina reported the beginning balance as of October 17, 2017 was \$2153.32. There was interest over 3 months of \$.26, bringing the total to \$2153.58. After the P O Box expense of \$94.00, the ending balance on January 18, 2018 is \$2059.58. She also explained she needs to file a report with the state by January 22, 2018. Pat Switchenko made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Linda Hughes. There was no discussion and all voted in favor.
- 5) **Donations** - Chairman Hughes reminded the committee that suggested donation/dues were \$20 for a member/associate and \$30 for a family.
- 6) **Membership** – Duncan Berry was voted in as an Associate Member in November, 2017. There will be a vote scheduled at the February, 2018 meeting to elect Duncan to a Regular Member to fill a vacancy.
- 7) **Old Business:**
  - a) **Harwich Voter Database** – Lou Urbano is leading the team with support from Eric Carroll, Gayle Carroll, Beth Kelsey, Jeff Hadley and Sally Urbano. The goal is secure email addresses to educate the voters. Lou reported that to date they have collected about 500 email addresses. They are seeking emails from the Stonehorse Golf Club, Cape Cod National and Garden Club data bases. Free Masons was also suggested. Although the focus is registered voters in Harwich, seasonal residents could be considered since they might be interested in making a donation. The hope is to send email blasts by the end of April. Bulk mailings

cost \$.04 per postcard and involve a lot of paperwork.

- b) RTC web site and Facebook** – Gayle Carroll has been and will continue to update. She added our new email address:  
**HarwichRTCCapeCod@gmail.com.**

**8) New Business:**

**MASS GOP Convention** – The 2018 convention will be held on April 28, 2018 in Worcester (DCU Arena). A letter was sent to each member by US Mail by Pat Switchenko as well as another letter from Peter Hughes via email. We are seeking the election of 11 delegates at our next meeting on February 15, 2018. Note that our ex-officio delegates are excluded from the count: Peter Hughes, Leo Cakounes and Don Howell. At Chair Hughes' request, Pat will create a draft ballot of those who expressed interest and asked if anyone else would like to be placed on the ballot. Those who expressed interest were Jeff Hadley, Pete Switchenko, Gayle Carroll, Duncan berry. Deborah Waugh, Dick Bowers and Jan Bowers (who offered at ask Dean Knight as well).

There was discussion about the fee and potential reimbursement from the Harwich RTC. (Note: Since the meeting, Pat reviewed 2014 minutes and found that the fee in 2014 was \$85 and the Harwich RTC voted to reimburse the delegates \$45. There was also a bus in 2014 which cost the delegates \$15.)

- 9) Political Updates.** Chairman Hughes provided some state and regional updates.

**Next Meeting** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 15 at 7.

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