

**MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 15, 2018**

Present: Duncan Berry, Jan Bowers, Dick Bowers, Eric Carroll, Gayle Carroll, David Eldredge, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Pat Switchenko, Deborah Waugh and Robert Waugh

Guests: Fran Manzelli, Judy Crocker, Scott Nickerson, Mary LeClair and Tom Keyes

- 1) **Call To Order** – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Hughes declared that a quorum of regular Harwich RTC members was present.
- 2) **Guests** – Chairman Hughes welcomed guest. Mary LeClair, a former County commissioner, spoke about John Kingston who is running against Elizabeth Warren. She said he was the “guy we need” and the best hope for the Republican Party. Scott Nickerson announced he was re-running for the Clerk of Courts and hoped to have our support. Tom Keyes of Sandwich spoke on behalf of Geoff Diehl, which is also running against Elizabeth Warren and praised him for his leadership and predictability. Judy Crocker, Republican State Committeewoman, is supporting Dan Shores, who is running for Attorney General and is one who “focuses on Massachusetts”.
- 3) **Minutes** – The minutes were previously e-mailed and distributed. Deborah Waugh made a motion to approve the minutes of January 18, 2018, which was seconded by Linda Hughes. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 4) **Treasurer’s Report** – None. Committee members had donation checks which Pat Switchenko offered to mail to Mary Ann Pina. Members were reminded that suggested donation/dues were \$20 for a member/associate and \$30 for a family. When asked, Fran Manzelli, Republican State Committeeman, said several hundred have paid their Cape Cod Republican Club dues and he had applications available, if needed.
- 5) **Membership** – Duncan Berry was voted in as an Associate Member in November, 2017. Chairman Hughes said there was one opening for a Regular Member and Duncan Berry met the criteria. Pat Switchenko made a motion to elect Duncan Berry to become a Regular Member of the Harwich RTC. The motion was seconded by Jan Bowers. There was no discussion and everyone voted in favor.
- 6) **Old Business:**
 - a) **Harwich Voter Database** – Eric Carroll made reference to the fact the committee was using the Stone Horse Yacht Club for inclusion in their data base.
 - b) **RTC web site and Facebook** – Gayle Carroll provided an update

7) **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 on December 10, 2017 as well as another letter from Peter Hughes via email. In addition to ad hoc members, we have the opportunity to send 11 delegates. Thus far, 8 people have expressed interest in attending. Linda Hughes made a motion that the following people serve as delegates to the GOP Convention in Worcester on April 28, 2018 to represent the Harwich RTC: Duncan Berry, Dick Bowers, Jan Bowers, Gayle Carroll, Eric Carroll, Jeff Hadley, Deborah Waugh and Bob Braman. Pat Switchenko seconded the motion. There was no discussion and all eleven members voted by hand in favor.

Two more expressed interest in attending – David Eldredge and Kristen Berry. Jan Bowers made a motion to add David Eldredge and Kristen Berry as delegates to the GOP Convention in Worcester on April 28, 2018 to represent the Harwich RTC. Linda Hughes seconded the motion. There was no discussion and all eleven members voted by hand in favor.

Judy Crocker mentioned that there was both a portal on the web site as well as form to be submitted to the State Committee with the names of the delegates.

In 2014, the Harwich RTC offered to reimburse the members \$45, if so desired, to offset the \$85 fee. Chairman Hughes suggested that the reimbursement could be \$50 this year to offset the current fee of \$95. Deborah Waugh made a motion that the Harwich RTC reimburse the delegates attending the GOP Convention in Worcester on April 28, 2018 \$50 towards the total fee of \$95, if so requested. Jan Bowers seconded the motion. There was no discussion and all voted in favor.

Delegates will get notified from the State and will need to complete a form and pay the total fee online. Mary Ann Pina will write out reimbursement checks upon request.

There will be a bus organized by the Barnstable RTC for \$30 for those needing transportation.

8) **Political Updates:** Chairman Hughes provided local updates.

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

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