

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

Present: Jan Bowers, Eric Carroll, Gayle Carroll, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Pat Switchenko, Deborah Waugh and Robert Waugh

Guests: None

- 1) **Call To Order** – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Hughes congratulated Jan Bowers on her birthday and the committee wished Sally Urbano well.
- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes were previously e-mailed and distributed. Deborah Waugh made a motion to approve the minutes of February 15, 2018, which was seconded by Linda Hughes. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** – None. Members were reminded that suggested donation/dues were \$20 for a member/associate and \$30 for a family.
- 4) **Old Business:**
 - a) **Harwich Voter Database** – Eric Carroll reported nothing was new; it is a work in progress.
 - b) **RTC web site and Facebook** – Gayle Carroll has focused on adding events to the web site. There was discussion on whether all the candidate information should be posted. Not only was there voluminous information there was concern if some candidate information was posted and others missed, it looks as if our RTC was endorsing them. It was agreed that posting the events only was sufficient. Gayle does have the ability to pin recent events on top and has been tracking views. Also, Pat Switchenko offered to convert event notices sent in PDF format to JPEG, as needed.
 - c) **MASS GOP Convention** – The 2018 convention will be held on April 28, 2018 in Worcester (DCU Arena). When asked by Chairman Hughes, delegates indicated that the Mass GOP has not contacted them. He suggested that the delegates go online to register and pay. Register before the end of March since the fee increases after that. Pat offered to send the link to delegates which is: <http://www.massgop.com/registration>. Fran Manzelli will provide information on a bus for those needing transportation. Delegates were reminded that registration begins at 9 AM and it is a two hour drive. For this convention, they will start with the Governor, and voting will be electronically at each seat.

5) New Business:

a) **Yard Sale** – Last year, Gayle Carroll and Linda Hughes coordinated a yard sale and successfully raised about \$600. The committee was asked if they would like to do this again in 2018. We will discuss at the next meeting.

6) **Political Updates:** Chairman Hughes provided local updates. There are two people running for an open position as Selectman - Ed McManus and Thomas Sherry. Town Meeting starts on May 7th. Important warrants include Phase 2 of the septic system and the vote on building a replacement of Fire Station 2 in East Harwich. The meeting concluded with a discussion of politics at the national level.

Next Meeting – The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 19th at 7.

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