

**MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
APRIL 19, 2018**

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

Guests: None

- 1) **Call To Order** – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes were previously e-mailed and distributed. Deborah Waugh made a motion to approve the minutes of March 15, 2018, which was seconded by Eric Carroll. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** – The balance as of April 19, 2018 was \$2,314.85. 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 that he was in the process of securing names and entering them into the database. His goal is to send emails to names in the database, and he will need to limit email addresses to 100 addresses per email. Chairman Hughes suggested that Eric send a test email to 100 names on the list and share the results at the next meeting.
 - b) **RTC web site and Facebook** – Gayle Carroll continues her efforts to add events to Face Book; presently there are 266 followers. Gayle also agreed to add minutes to the website.
 - c) **MASS GOP Convention** – The 2018 convention will be held on April 28, 2018 in Worcester (DCU Arena). Chairman Hughes reminded the delegates that they need to go online to register and pay in advance. The link is: <http://www.massgop.com/registration>. There is a bus leaving the Barnstable Court House at 7 AM. Seating is limited. Anyone interested should contact Judy Crocker. For those driving, allow extra time due to the lane closure on the Sagamore Bridge. Every race is contested; expect a 12 hour day. The voting this year will be electronic 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 2018 date is not yet known. Members were asked to start collecting items for this event. We will discuss at the next meeting.
 - b) **Cape Cod Cares for its Troops** – Beth provided an update. The 14th Annual Troops in the Spotlight is a 24 hour event from Sunday, 5/27 – Monday, 5/28 at Capetown Plaza, Route 132 in Hyannis.

- c) **Operation Flags** – Eric provided an update about this event at the National Veterans Cemetery in Bourne on 5/26 at 10 AM.

6) Political Updates:

- John Flores wants volunteers to join him on his bus during the 5/6 Brewster in Bloom parade.
- Chairman Hughes said there are three people running for the open Selectman position - Ed McManus, Thomas Sherry and Steven Scannell.
- Candidates' Night is Tuesday, 5/1 at 6:30 PM at Town Hall (2nd floor)
- Town Meeting starts on 5/7. Important warrant articles include Phase 2 of the wastewater plan to construct a sewer collection system in East Harwich , the vote on building a replacement of Fire Station 2 in East Harwich and the authorization of the pet cemetery to install and operate a pet crematorium .
- Sally shared that the issue about funding CPC Committee was being raised.
- When David inquired about the status of the harbor, Chairman Hughes mentioned the \$1M state grant to be used for reconstruction potentially redirected towards funding a restaurant as part of the harbor landside construction project.
- The Cape Cod Republican Club Annual Meeting is 5/24 at the Riverway.
- Leo's annual pig roast is Saturday, 5/26.

Next Meeting – The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, May 17th at 7 PM.

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