

**MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
MAY 17, 2018**

Present: Jan Bowers, Dick Bowers, Eric Carroll, Gayle Carroll, Jeff Hadley, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Dean Knight, Fran Manzelli, Pat Switchenko, Sally Urbano and Deborah 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 then announced that Ike Fabela, a Michigan WWII veteran has a 100th birthday on June 6th and his wish was to receive 100 birthday cards. Chairman Hughes bought a card and circulated it for those who wished to sign in. We all wish him a happy birthday and thank him for his service to our country.
- 2) **Minutes** – The minutes were previously e-mailed and distributed. Deborah Waugh made a motion to approve the minutes of April 19, 2018, which was seconded by Gayle Carroll. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 3) **Treasurer’s Report** – None.
- 4) **Old Business:**
 - a) **2018 Election Workers** –Chairman Hughes read the list of proposed 2018 Election Workers in Harwich and asked if there were any additions or deletions. Hearing none, Pat Switchenko made a motion to approve all the 2018 Election Workers, as read. Gayle Carroll seconded the motion and all voted in favor.
 - b) **Harwich Voter Database** – Eric Carroll reported that there were no updates.
 - c) **RTC web site and Facebook** – Gayle Carroll continues her efforts to add events to Face Book and will post past minutes to the website. She mentioned that there was not much information to post on John Kingston and Beth Lindstrom and Fran Manzelli agreed to send Gayle information.
 - d) **Feedback on MASS GOP Convention** – The 2018 convention was held on April 28, 2018 in Worcester (DCU Arena). Comments were that it took too long to check in and attendees should be able to pre-register before the meeting – or at least by town or in alphabetical order. There were no defined lines and it became a mob scene. It was thought to be better than four years ago. Voting on the Ipad had advantages but some were concerned about the lack of privacy.
 - e) **List of Republican Candidates** – Chairman Hughes issued a list of 2018 MA GOP Candidates which showed who won at the convention marked by an asterisk.
- 5) **New Business:**
 - a) **Town Meeting/Election** – Poor voting attendance with only 1881 voters from a base of about 10,000. The warrant articles for building a replacement of Fire Station 2 in East Harwich and Phase 2 of the wastewater plan were approved. Selling recreational marijuana did not pass.

- b) **Gayle & Linda Yard Sale** – No updates but members were starting to collect items to sell.
- c) **Cape Cod Cares for the Troops** – The 14th Annual Troops in the Spotlight is a 24 hour event from Sunday, May 27th – Monday, May 28th at Capetown Plaza, Route 132 in Hyannis.
- d) **Operation Flags** – Eric provided an update about this event at the National Veterans Cemetery in Bourne on May 26th, where the ceremony starts at 10 AM. This year there will be 70,000 flags.

6) **Political Updates:**

- Fran Manzelli encouraged members to attend the Cape Cod Republican Club Annual Meeting on May 24th at the Riverway. He also tested the knowledge of the membership by asking political questions, where the winners won t-shirts.

- Chairman and Linda Hughes will be hosting a reception in August where we can get to know the candidates.

- Leo Cakounes will kick-off his campaign on May 25th. Dean Knight inquired about who would be running for the Ed McManus seat.

- Chairman Hughes suggested that we discuss how we should spend our money next month for unopposed candidates. He also proposed that we start a lottery guessing game asking: When will the Inspector General Attorney's report be released? When will Mueller be done with his investigation? and Will the NoKo summit be held and what will President Trump give him?

Next Meeting – The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM. The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, June 21st at 7 PM.

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