

MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

Present: Jan Bowers, Leo Cakounes, Eric Carroll, Gayle Carroll, David Eldredge, Jeff Hadley, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Beth Kelsey, Mike Kelsey, 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** – Minutes had previously been issued to the committee for the meetings on July 19 and August 16, 2018. Deborah Waugh made a motion to accept both minutes which was seconded by Jan Bowers. There was no discussion and they were approved by all. Pat Switchenko thanked Gayle Carroll for taking minutes on July 19th in her absence. Pat also agreed to send minutes to Jeremy Gingras to post on our website.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** – None.
- 4) **Old Business:**
 - a) **Harwich Voter Database and Letter** – Eric Carroll got the system working for sending his letter and sent one to Chairman Hughes as a trial. He successfully sent 53 letters with no bounce backs and no opt outs. He is working to expand the data base and can send future letters in blocks of 100. Lou Urbano has been working with Eric, creating different drafts for different audiences. Chairman Hughes and the committee congratulated Eric on his success.
 - b) **RTC web site and Facebook** – Gayle Carroll continues her efforts to add events to Face Book as she receives them. Photos will be taken at the end of the meeting to post on Facebook. Pat will send Gayle the 2018 calendar to repost on the website.
- 5) **New Business:**
 - a) **Primary Results** – Chairman Hughes led the discussion about primary results.
 - b) **Lower Cape Standout Schedule** – Chairman Hughes distributed the schedule and encouraged everyone to participate; it's a good way to meet people. Pat agreed to send reminders as stand out dates approached.
- 6) **Political Updates:**

There was discussion about campaigns and upcoming events. On Sat, 10/13, there is a debate at Cape Cinema in Dennis. From 9 – 10 AM, there will be a stand-out. There will be a 2nd debate on 10/25 (7-8:30 PM). There may be a stand-out before the Pops performance. If Trump makes an appearance in Worcester to support Diehl, Chairman Hughes offered to get a group together to attend. There is also a fundraiser for John Flores on 9/28 at Torinos (Main St, Hyannis) and for Leo Cakounes on 10/7 in North Falmouth

Chairman Hughes also discussed his own campaign running for the Assembly of Delegates; he needs our help.

It was announced that the Massachusetts Victory headquarters is located on White's Path in South Yarmouth (off Exit 8).

7) Photos:

Eric Carroll took photos of the group holding up signs supporting current candidates running for election to post on our website and Facebook Page.

8) Leo Cakounes:

Leo addressed the group about his re-election as the Barnstable County Commissioner. He expressed his concerns and needs our help to get his message out, particularly outside of Harwich. He shared his accomplishments as he “righted the ship” in 3.5 years. He gets the work done and supports the party as much as he can.

Next Meeting – The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM. The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, October 18th at 7 PM.

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