

**MINUTES  
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 16, 2017**

**Present:** Jan Bowers, Dick Bowers, Gayle Carroll, Eric Carroll, David Eldredge, Jeff Hadley, Elizabeth Kelsey, Mike Kelsey, Pat Switchenko, Lou Urbano and Sally Urbano

Guests: Tim Whelan and Duncan Berry

- 1) **Call To Order** – Vice Chairman Eric Carroll, filling in for Chairman Peter Hughes, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He welcomed our guests. Although Rick Gleason did not attend the meeting as originally planned, Eric mentioned that Rick was involved with the petition to roll back the sales tax to 5%.
- 2) **Tim Whelan** – Tim Whelan, who is a candidate for re-election as MA State Representative, thanked the RTC for inviting him. He believed that it was his first time speaking to the Harwich RTC. He appreciated working with the local RTCs who have helped in the past with their grass root efforts. He feels that the 2018 elections will be interesting. At the state level which is dominated by Democrats, he stressed that we need more Republicans – at least 20 more seats in the House and 8 more Republican State Senators. He discussed his involvement with the Criminal Justice bill and Health Care financing. He has been trying to get more funding on Cape Cod and has had a lot of success. When Duncan asked how Charlie Baker is growing the party, Tim responded that Charlie is doing the best he can in an environment tilted by the unions and funding loop holes. Tim also spoke about data collection and the need to do a better job fundraising. Although the RTC has limits with direct contributions, they can invest in unlimited mailing and coordinated campaigns. When Jeff asked about health care, Tim suggested that he contact him via email: [timothy.whelan@mahouse.gop](mailto:timothy.whelan@mahouse.gop).
- 3) **Minutes** – The minutes were previously e-mailed and distributed. Gayle Carroll made a motion to approve the minutes of October 17, 2017, which was seconded by Lou Urbano. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved unanimously.
- 4) **Treasurer's Report** – None.
- 5) **Old Business:**
  - a) **Harwich Voter Database** – Lou Urbano is leading the team with support from Eric Carroll, Gayle Carroll, Beth Kelsey, Jeff Hadley and Sally Urbano. The goal is to educate the voters. Although they can secure names and addresses, it is a challenge to get email addresses. For bulk mailings, Lou inquired whether the RTCs have a bulk mailing status. (Pat has reached out to Fran Manzelli to get an answer). Beth handed in a list of 51 addresses. Need to find out which businesses are owned by Republicans or Independents.

b) **HRTC web site and Facebook** – Gayle Carroll has been and will continue to update.

**6) New Business:**

a) **Duncan Berry** – Lou Urbano made a motion to nominate Duncan Berry as an Associate Member. It was seconded by Pat Switchenko and all voted in favor.

b) **New Email Address** – Beth has graciously set up a new email address for the Harwich RTC: [harwichtccapecod@gmail.com](mailto:harwichtccapecod@gmail.com). She sent the password to Peter Hughes and Pat Switchenko.

7) **Political Updates.** John Flores will have a fundraiser at the Yarmouth House on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The CCRC Christmas party is scheduled for December 10<sup>th</sup>. Charlie Baker and Elizabeth Warren are doing well in polls. Dr. Shiva is now running as an Independent.

**Next Meeting** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18 at 7 PM (as the December meeting has been cancelled). Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

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