

MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
JUNE 18th, 2020
(Via Zoom)

Present: Eric Carroll, Gayle Carroll, Judy Crocker, Dorothy Hemmings-Bassett, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Beth Kelsey, Michael Kelsey, Mary Ann Pina, Pat Switchenko, Pete Switchenko, Lou Urbano, Sally Urbano, Deborah Waugh and Robert Waugh.

Guests: none

- 1) **Call to Order** – After overcoming technical challenges with using Zoom to conduct the meeting, Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Hughes thanked State Republican Committeewoman Judy Crocker for setting up the meeting. Zoom was being used as the tool of choice for gathering a group during the pandemic. Chairman Hughes also stated that a quorum was present.
- 2) **Minutes** – Minutes for the past two meetings had previously been issued to the committee by Secretary Pat Switchenko. Dorothy Hemmings-Basset made a motion to accept the minutes of both February 20, 2020 and April 9, 2020 (Reorganization Meeting), which was seconded by Linda Hughes. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved by all.
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** – Treasurer Mary Ann Pina reported that the estimated current balance is about \$1400. Pat Switchenko made a motion to approve the estimated Treasurer's Report, which was seconded by Dorothy-Hemmings-Bassett and approved by all. Mary Ann did not have the opportunity to determine exact figures but agreed to provide them after the meeting. (After the meeting, Mary Ann provided the bank statement which confirmed the current balance is \$1414.84). Pat Switchenko reminded the committee that donations for 2020 were welcome, and the suggested contribution levels are \$20 per person and \$30 per couple.

4) Old Business:

a) High School Scholarship – Chairman Hughes announced that the high scholarship winner of the \$1000 check was Kyle Gabri. He presented the check to Kyle a few weeks ago. There were two runners-up (Sean Gould and Julianna Smith) who each received a check of \$100. Pat Switchenko sent the photo and article to the Cape Cod Chronicle, Cape Codder and Cape Cod Times, but to date nothing has been published. At Chairman Hughes' and Judy Crocker's suggestions, Pat agreed to resend the request to Deb DeCosta as well as Geoff Spillane. Sally Urbano confirmed that the photo was posted on the Harwich Old Timers Face Book page. Gayle Carroll had posted it on the HRTC Face Book page, and the winners were listed by Jeremy Gingras on our website.

Although recognizing that the pandemic might have impacted the process, Chairman Hughes suggested that we offer the scholarship again next year and determine how we can increase the number of applications.

b) Harwich Voter Database – Lou Urbano plans to create notifications for distribution regarding the elections and Town Meeting. Pat Switchenko reported that the last email to our database of 569 email addresses informed all about our high school scholarship winner.

c) Website –Pat Switchenko expressed her thanks to Jeremy Gingras for all the updates and corrections to the website.

d) Postcard Campaign – According to Beth Kelsey, the postcard campaign was no longer active.,

5) New Business:

a) Adopting By-Laws – Chairman Hughes explained that as part of our reorganizational meeting requirements in April, we needed to review and adopt By-Laws. The current By-Laws were revised in 2013, thanks to the efforts of Dick Bowers. Pat Switchenko made a motion to adopt the current HRTC By-Laws which were revised and approved on November 21, 2013. Dorothy Hemmings-Bassett seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the By-Laws were approved by all.

6) Political Updates:

- Chairman Hughes discussed the two campaigns of Tim Whelan and Will Crocker to determine if the committee wished to donate. Dorothy Hemmings-Bassett made a motion for the HRTC to donate \$250 each to Will Crocker and Tim Whelan. Pat Switchenko seconded the motion and the donations were approved by all. Pat agreed to draft letters for Chairman Hughes' signature to send along with the checks.
- Judy Crocker provided an update on politics in Massachusetts.
- Beth Kelsey shared that everything had been cancelled for Cape Cod Cares for the Troops.

Next Meeting – The meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM. Judy Crocker suggested that Will Crocker might be available to speak at an upcoming meeting. There was discussion about whether a meeting on Red River Beach could be organized vs. on Zoom. The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, July 16th, 2020 at 7 PM.

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