

MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 15th, 2020 @ 5 PM
BROOKS PARK, HARWICH

Present: Eric Carroll, Gayle Carroll, David Eldredge, Dorothy Hemmings-Bassett, Linda Hughes, Peter Hughes, Beth Kelsey, Michael Kelsey, Pat Switchenko and Pete Switchenko.

Guests: Toni Lyn Chiampa, Phil Chiampa, Dolores Sherry, and Nancy Babyak.

1) Call to Order – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Hughes welcomed our guests. He asked Nancy Babyak to introduce herself as one of our newer guests.

2) Minutes – Minutes for the September 17th, 2020 meeting had previously been issued to the committee by Secretary Pat Switchenko. Linda Hughes made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Gayle Carroll. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved by all.

3) Treasurer's Report – None.

4) Old Business:

a) Database, Website and Facebook - Gayle Carroll said that Facebook has been routinely updated. She had eliminated mention of standouts on her posts so that non-supporters would not be aware of our plans. Chairman Hughes encouraged her to reinstate the standout information. In addition, Pat Switchenko shared that Judy Crocker was already adding our standout schedule to the Cape Cod Political Calendar.

5) New Business:

a) Standouts - Chairman Hughes initiated the discussion by asking how many of the members participated in at least one of the three local standouts so far. Many raised their hand. There was discussion about the disruptors who were crude and used vile language. The standouts have now been coordinated with the police who have issued rules to all participants. It was recommended that all stay with a group. Helen Brady did stop by the Harwich standout on October 10th. Due to anticipated inclement weather, the October 17th standout in Chatham was postponed until Sunday, October 18th. The next standouts are planned for October 24th and 31st.

6) Political Updates:

- **National:** The group touched on the ongoing requests for campaign donations from the candidates, the hearings of the very impressive Supreme Court justice candidate Amy Coney Barrett and the recent Hunter Biden revelations. When Chairman Hughes asked about thoughts regarding the National Election, members referred to closet Trumpers and how the situation today with the polls was the same as four years ago.

- **Local:** Members shared comments about the candidates for the Barnstable County Commissioners. The two questions on the Massachusetts ballots are Right to Repair (where many tended to vote "Yes") and Ranked-Choice Voting (where many tended to vote "No"). Ultimately it is a personal choice.

- **Federal Election Commission:** Beth Kelsey was viewing this site and found that it revealed the names and addresses of Harwich residents who have donated to the Trump campaign. Going forward, this would be a good group to target for a letter campaign.

Next Meeting –The meeting concluded at 6:00 PM. The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, November 19th, 2020. Chairman Hughes will investigate setting up a Zoom account.

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