

**MINUTES**  
**HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE**  
**NOVEMBER 19th, 2020 @ 5 PM**  
**Via ZOOM**

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

**Guests:** Will Crocker, Dolores Sherry and Michele Gallucci.

**1) Call to Order** – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM. Since Zoom was used for the video call, Chairman Hughes suggested for etiquette purposes, members raise their hand if they wish to speak.

**2) Will Crocker** - Will thanked the Harwich RTC for their financial and emotional support during his race as the State Representative in the 2nd Barnstable District. He was unseated by Kip Diggs. He and Judy noticed the "blue wave" and the number of Democrats coming in to vote. The mail-in voting was implemented poorly. Judy also commented on the upcoming process for the election of the State Party Chair. Chairman Hughes offered his condolences to Will with the hope that he will get back in the game again.

**3) Fran Manzelli** - Beth Kelsey shared with sadness that Fran Manzelli, our Republican State Committeeman of Cape Cod and the Islands, had quietly passed away that day from pancreatic cancer. Prayers were offered to Fran followed by a moment of silence.

**4) Minutes** – Minutes for the October 15th, 2020 meeting had previously been issued to the committee by Secretary Pat Switchenko. Deborah Waugh made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Dorothy Hemmings-Bassett. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved by all.

**5) Treasurer's Report** – No report was given since the Treasurer was not in attendance. As of September 17, 2020, the balance was \$1014.99.

**6) Old Business:**

**a) Facebook** - Gayle Carroll said that Facebook has been routinely updated. She was recognized for doing a great job with her efforts.

**7) New Business:**

**a) Election Results** - There was discussion on the need to support local Republicans more in their races; there was too much emphasis on just Trump. The local RTCs need to plan and strategize. With respect to Trump, people wanted his policies but he might have been the wrong messenger. It was thought that the votes were not for Biden but represented opposition to Trump. There was also some discussion on who would run for Governor in Massachusetts.

**b) Members and Associate Members** - There are currently 29 Harwich RTC Regular Members, which can be increased to a maximum of 35. Pat said that according to the by-laws, every effort should be made to elect a Regular Member who has been an active Associate Member for at least three months. Both Michele Gallucci and Dolores Sherry have been actively attending the

meetings and participating in activities and were interested in joining the Harwich RTC. Pat then made a motion to accept both Michele Gallucci and Dolores Sherry as Associate Members. The motion was seconded by Dorothy and approved by all. Chairman Hughes asked that we give consideration to both candidates to be elected as Regular Members at our next meeting, recognizing they have already been involved for at least three months.

**c) High School Scholarship** - Chairman Hughes reminded the committee that the past \$1000 scholarship recipient, who was very deserving of the award, was thrilled to be selected. The other two applicants were rewarded with \$100 checks. There was discussion on how we can better advertise the scholarship next year to increase the number of applications as well as secure more publicity for the Harwich RTC. Both Michelle and Dolores had insights and ideas of how to improve the process and they were asked to join the Scholarship Committee. Chairman Hughes asked that they, along with Pat, get together before the next Harwich RTC meeting in January, to present their strategy.

**d) Zoom meetings** - It was decided that we use Zoom for future meetings in the near term.

**Next Meeting** - The meeting concluded at 6:03 PM. December's meeting was cancelled, so the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21st at 5 PM via Zoom.

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