

MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
JANUARY 21st, 2021 @ 5 PM
Via ZOOM

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

Guests: Will Crocker, Anne Stewart, and Toni Lyn Chiampa.

1) Call to Order – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM. He welcomed guests including our newest guest Anne Stewart. He also recognized Will Crocker who won the election for the position of Republican State Committeeman of Cape Cod & the Islands, subject to certification on January 27th.

2) Minutes – Minutes for the November 19th, 2020 meeting had previously been issued to the committee by Secretary Pat Switchenko. Dorothy Hemmings-Bassett made a motion to accept the minutes 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 balance, which was in the end-of-year report, was \$1,035.16. Lou Urbano made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. It was seconded by Dorothy Hemmings-Bassett and approved by all. Chairman Hughes reminded the committee that voluntary contributions could be mailed to the Harwich RTC, P O Box 1374, Harwich, MA 02645. Suggested contributions are \$20 per person (or \$30 per couple). It is particularly important this year since there are no plans for the Gayle and Linda yard sale. We would like sufficient funds to support a student scholarship.

4) Old Business:

a) Facebook - Gayle Carroll said that Facebook has been updated daily. She highlighted some of the news items she has recently posted. Beth Kelsey commented that there was a lot of activity on our site.

5) New Business:

a) Caucuses to Elect the new Republican State Committeeman of Cape Cod & the Islands - Judy Crocker, the Republican State Committeewoman of the Cape Cod & the Islands, provided a summary of the caucus activities and timeline. At the end of the second caucus, Will Crocker received 91 votes to 54 votes for Adam Lange. Certification occurs on January 27, 2021. Will Crocker was congratulated for his victory.

b) Election of new Regular Members - Both Michele Gallucci and Dolores Sherry are Associate Members in good standing, who when asked, indicated their interest in becoming Regular Members. Lou Urbano made a motion for both Michele Gallucci and Dolores Sherry to become Regular Members. The motion was seconded by Dorothy Hemmings-Bassett and approved by all. Also, Duncan Berry recently unenrolled with the Republican party so he withdrew from his membership with the Harwich RTC. As a result of this activity, there are currently 30 Harwich RTC Regular Members. See Attachment A for list of members.

c) High School Scholarship - Lou Urbano, along with Dolores Sherry and Michele Gallucci, are members of the HRTC scholarship committee and provided an update. Lou had two goals - to increase the number of students who participate and to increase awareness of the Harwich RTC. Lou stressed the need for measurable goals, with a target of doubling applications received from 3 (from last year) to 6. Chairman Hughes would prefer a goal of 10 applications. In the future, Lou would like to allow other Republicans outside of the Harwich RTC to also donate to the scholarship. He thanked Pat Switchenko in advance for monitoring emails sent to the Harwich RTC email address and for sending correspondence to all those on our email distribution list. The team also described their public relations strategy and plans for working with the schools, particularly the guidance counselors. The scholarship application and instructions will be posted on the Harwich RTC website.

d) Where do we Republicans go from here? - Chairman Hughes led the discussion on this topic mentioning that it has been a long, painful, and contentious political season. We need conversations around what went right, what went wrong and where do we go from here? If our party splits up, we can never beat the Democrats. We will not be successful fighting against ourselves. With respect to Trump, he had good principles and did great things, but voters could not get past the man. We were seeking direction from the state. Others made comments including Jeff Hadley who questioned when we will get back to normal. He continued we need to be fiscally conservative but need to push to get back to normal and set benchmarks.

Next Meeting - The meeting concluded at 6:04 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 18th, 2021 at 5 PM via Zoom.

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