

MINUTES
HARWICH REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE
AUGUST 19th, 2021 @ 5 PM
BROOKS PARK, HARWICH

1) Call to Order – Chairman Peter Hughes called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2) Guest Speakers: Candidates for Selectman – Each candidate below is running for the Board of Selectman in Harwich and discussed their background.

a. Jeff Handler was born and educated in Harwich. He has a background in health wellness, owned a health club for 11 years, was Director of Sports Medicine with Cape Cod Healthcare and has experience in budgeting and customer care. He firmly believes that the town needs a strong and accountable leader, who is well-versed in issues.

b. Julie Kavanagh previously served on the Board of Selectman. She has a master's degree in Government and has worked in Marketing and Real Estate. She believes in economic opportunities for young people to stay on Cape Cod.

c. Mark Kelleher, summered on Cape Cod for years, and moved here 25 years ago. He feels strongly about Harwich Schools and believes that wastewater is a pivotal issue and addressed housing and school funding.

They each provided their opinions on wastewater and Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB). When asked about their most important issue, their responses were Housing Crisis (Jeff), Housing (Julie) and Renegotiating our School Obligation (Mark). They addressed questions from the committee and the HRTC wished them good luck.

3) Minutes - Minutes for the July 15th, 2021 meeting had previously been issued to the committee by Secretary Pat Switchenko. Gayle Carroll made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Deborah Waugh. There was no discussion and the minutes were approved by all.

4) Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Mary Ann Pina reported that the previous balance was \$533.48. After \$.05 in interest, donation of \$40 and expense of \$166 (P O Box rental), the ending balance was \$407.53. Deborah Waugh made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report which was seconded by Lou Urbano. There was no discussion, and the report was approved by all.

5) Old Business:

HRTC Facebook and website are updated.

6) New Business:

a) LuAnne Tribastone - LuAnne has attended three or more HRTC meetings and is a candidate to become a Regular Member. Lou Urbano made a motion to elect LuAnne Tribastone to the HRTC as a Regular Member. Linda Hughes seconded the motion, and all voted to accept LuAnne.

b) Gayle and Linda Yard Sale - The Gayle and Linda Yard Sale successfully raised \$520. Thanks to David Eldredge and family for their generous donations and thank you to all the volunteers.

7) Local Updates:

a) State Convention - The date is set for May 21, 2022, in Springfield, MA at the MGM Casino Convention site. A bus will be reserved for interested attendees. More details to follow.

b) CCRC Annual Meeting - The luncheon will be held September 26, 2021, at 11 AM at Tugboats.

Next Meeting - The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 16th, 2021, at 5 PM. Weather permitting, we will plan to meet outdoors at Brooks Park on Oak Street in Harwich.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Switchenko, Secretary (based on notes from Gayle Carroll)
Harwich Republican Town Committee**