**Wilton DTC Minutes**

**August 1, 2017**

Comstock Community Center

Call to Order: 7:36 quorum and call to order by Deb McFadden, Chair.

Attendance.

Members: Brad Williams, Laura Schwemm, Tom Burgess, Dan Troph, Ross Tartell, Paul Burnham, Charlie Lewis, Florence Johnson, Diane Martucci, Deborah McFadden, and Tom Dubin.

Guests: Dan Drew, candidate for Governor; Joe Ganim, potential candidate for Governor; Randy Klein, Indivisible, Peter

Chair’s Announcement. Deborah McFadden discussed the following:

* July 15 booth. The Chamber of Commerce booth was a success; Ross Tartell described details.
* Caucus. The recent Democratic Caucus, the endorsed candidates, and the mechanics of the state’s minority representation rules as applied to Wilton.
* Fundraising. Donation maximums are $2,000, not $1,000.
* BBQ. The Fall BBQ is scheduled for September 9; tickets can be purchased online.
* Save the date: September 17, Women’s Leadership Brunch.

Speakers. Deborah McFadden introduced **Joe Ganim, Mayor of Bridgeport**, to introduce himself. Mayor Ganim discussed his tenure in Bridgeport, including as relates to financial restabilization, attraction of sports teams and venue, increased tax base, measures to increase safety, waterfront clean-up, and downtown restoration. Mayor Ganim also acknowledged his prior legal difficulties, and how he decided to reenter politics afterwards.

Ms. McFadden next introduced **Mayor Drew, third term Mayor of Middletown**. Mayor Drew discussed successes achieved during his tenure in Middletown, including a Fed Ex hub. He described his interests in building a more fair and equitable society, and shared his skepticism regarding “trickle down economics” measures. Using the Fed Ex facility as an example, he described how speed of action and open ears by his government won the business rather than tax-credits or other subsidies. He discussed public safety, solar, clean-water and other environmental measures, improvement from aa to aaa bond ratings and surplus budgets. Ms. McFadden then invited both Mayors to take questions from the audience. Several people asked questions of both Mayors and discussions followed.

Ms. McFadden next introduced **Randy Klein** who asked to speak to the WDTC on behalf of **Indivisible.** Mr. Klein described the structure of Indivisible, and their particular interest in helping Democratic candidates win municipal elections. Mr. Klein invited everyone to learn more about Indivisible and consider joining their efforts.

Nominating Committee. Paul Burnham announced his intention to resign as Chair of the Nominating Committee, but not leaving the Committee. Ms. McFadden and all other thanked Mr. Burnham for the extraordinary efforts he has made over the eight years of his Chairmanship. Ms. McFadden nominated Ross Tartell to become Chair of the Nominating Committee and after motion and seconding the nomination was unanimously **APPROVED**.

Minutes. Deborah McFadden presented Minutes from meetings on July 11 and July 19, and the July 19 Caucus Minutes. After motion and seconding, all those Minutes were unanimously **APPROVED**.

New Business.

Ms. McFadden mentioned the continuing need for a DTC **Secretary**, and also the need to establish a **Campaign Committee** for the upcoming campaigns, and also interest in having a college **intern** to assist.

Mr. Burnham mentioned that The League of Women’s Voters has set November 5th for a candidate event.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.