**MINUTES**

Wilton Democratic Town Committee

Dec 6, 2016

Comstock Community Center

**MEETING OPENED -** At 7:32 p.m. Chair Deb MacFadden called the meeting to order.

**Present**

**DTC Members**:- Tom Burgess, Paul Burnham, Bob Carney, Richard Creeth, Leslie Holmes, John Kalarides, Charlie Lewis, Deborah McFadden, Ross Tartell, Hermon Telyan, Dan Troph

**Guests**:- Gini Benen, Cameron Berg, Heather Borden Herve, Pamela Brown, Cali Burton, Jaclyn Coleman, Margaret Creeth, Lori Fusco, Kevin Gardiner, Patrice Gillespie, Andy Gunndell, Louise Herot, Bas Hoch, Pamela Hovland, Florence Johnson, Jim Kapustka, Ellen Kaputscka, Jackie Kremer, Stephanie Kim, Cynde Koritzinsky, Ceci Marter, Dianne Martucci, Jack McFadden, Bonnee Pecquex, Laura Schwemm, Karen Tartell, Dee Unterbach, Dan Villa, Brad Williams, Heather Wilcauskas, Becky Williams, Carole Younge-Kleinfeld

**The minutes** of the November xxth meeting were unanimously approved. Proposed by Paul Burnham, seconded by Bob Carney.

**REPORTS**

**Treasurer’s Repor**t Richard reported a cash balance of $2,640 with one remaining invoice for campaign design work outstanding.

**How Green do you want Wilton to be?** Symposium by Wilton GoGreen. Deborah reported that the symposium was well attended and a great success.

No report from representatives of the Boards of Finance or Education

**Communications committee** Bob Carney encouraged all members and Dems in attendance to follow our Twitter account (@Wiltondems) and to make sure they visit Facebook and Twitter each day. He also encouraged letters to the editor and urged a strong response to any fake news stories.

**Kiwanis** will be hosting Dr Gary Rose at its Jan 18th meeting where he will be talking about the recent presidential elections.

Election Report Carole Younge-Kleinfeld gave an election report. As of the election there were 4,717 U’s, 4,338 R’s and 3,529 D’s registered. The Wilton Presidential results were Hilary 6,055, Trump 3786, Johnson 411, Stein 111. Blumenthal and Himes both comfortable carried Wilton. Carole thanked all the poll workers for their hard work.

**Nominating** Paul Burnham announced that the Nominating committee had met with and recommended Bonnee Pecquex and Lori Fusco for the Historic District Commission and Jaclyn Coleman as an alternate to the ZBA. All three candidates introduced themselves to the group. The committee also recommended Gil Wethersby for the Conservation Commission. Paul moved that the committee recommend these three individuals to the BoS for appointment. Seconded by Richard C. Passed unanimously.

Paul also noted vacancies on the following boards and commissions and encouraged people to come forward – Library Board, Energy Commission, Inland Wetlands, Water Commission and the Democratic Town Committee (6 seats open).

Web Site Leslie reported that a new and improved web site is in the works. Richer content and easier navigation will cover Nominating process, Elections, promoting Wilton, and various other new content.

**Campaign** Deb reported on the recent campaign and reminded the group how important it was to focus on who were going to run for the two State rep seats and State Senate seat.

**General Discussion** Town Chair Deborah McFadden then led a discussion about the recent election and the deep disappointment felt by Dems when Hilary lost to Donald Trump. She stressed the need to stand up for those who are victims of discrimination such as LGBT and dreamers, or racism, or any other form of bigotry. She also reflected on how important it is for all of us to fight to protect the Constitution. She then lead a discussion and invited others to address the group. A constructive discussion ensued and many points were noted for future action.

The meeting adjourned for further conversation over refreshments at 8:40 p.m.