**Wilton DTC Minutes**

**7:30 pm, February 7, 2017**

**Comstock Community Center**

Attendance:

Members: John Kalamarides, Richard Creeth, Phil Sharlach, Hermon Telyan, Leslie Holmes, Bob Sabo, Tom Dubin, Deb McFadden, Paul Burnham, Bob Carney, Russ Tartell, Dan Troph, Tom Burgess, Franklin Wong, [Diane Martuci], Brian Lilly, Ted Hoffsteter.

Guests: Carol Young-Kleinfeld, Mike Kaelin, Cameron Berg, Linda Fein, Michael Fine, Carolyn Darbandi, Kristy Ripp, Dot Bergen, Melissa Leonard, Florence Johnson, Brad Williams, Claudia Nachemson, Joy Eller, Victoria Rossi Sudeno, Melissa Spohn, Kevin Leddy, Jackie Kremer, Tom Burgess, Bruce Hampson,Doris Knapp, Alan Knapp, Cynde Koritzinsky, Heather Wilcauskas, Andy Gundel, Ken Hoffman, Marcia Gethin-Jones, Anne Munkenbeck.

7:33 quorum and call to order by Deb McFadden, Chair

Treasurer’s Report. Richard Creeth reports that the bank account currently holds $2,509.

Chair’s announcements. Deb McFadden made several announcements, including that our Secretary, Maryli Secrest, has resigned and that we are looking for a new Secretary. Maryli’s prior service to the DTC was acknowledged and thanked.

Selectman Report. Mike Kaelin, Second Selectman, joined the meeting and provided an update on Town matters, including the potential requirement that Wilton pay $4million towards teacher pensions that the State may not fund, plus another $2million that the State may not fund related to education support, all due to tight State funding. Mike also reported that the Board of Selectmen has put the DTC sponsored Proclamation onto its next meeting. Finally, Mike mentioned that Dick Dubow announced at last night’s BoS meeting that he will not be running for reelection, which creates 2 open seats as Lori Bufano will need to run for reelection to her seat.

Board of Finance Report. John Kalamarides provided an update on BoF matters, and encouraged attendance at the two upcoming BoF public meetings, and that the Town Meeting to approve the Budget will be May 2.

Nominating Committee Report. Paul Burnham provided an update on Nominating matters, including a list of several open positions. He invited all to let him know if they have interest in any of the open positions.

Communications and website report. Leslie Holmes provided updates on Communications on behalf of Bob Carney. She provided updates on number of participants on each of our social media efforts, all of which have increased noticeably over the last 6-8 weeks. Leslie also indicated that the updated website should be launched in the next week or so. Cameron Berg reported that the Instagram account which was created within the last month already has about 300 followers.

Spring Breakfast. Deb McFadden reported that logisitics for the April 1 breakfast are progressing well. John Kalamarides is working to identify recipients for the honors.

Street Fair. Deb McFadden described the DTC’s successes at last year’s street fair. This year’s event will be July 15. After motion made and seconded it was **RESOLVED** to spend $125 to participate in this year’s event.

Area 9 Cable Council. Phil Sharlach described the mission of, and current issues relating to, the Area 9 Cable Council. Channel 78 and 79 televise Wilton events and Committee meetings.

Reports on Women’s Marches (DC and elsewhere). Several of our attendees participated in a march and reported on their experiences, including Melissa Spohn, Joy Eller, Florence Johnson, Jackie Kremer (NYC), Anne Munkembeck (NYC), Paul Burnham, and Kathy Mandel (NYC and Stamford). Words that were used to describe the experiences included: organized, impactful, peaceful, energizing, involved, empowering. Importantly, everyone mentioned their commitment to continue their engagement and participation. These Minutes won’t pretend to capture the spirit and excitement of the deeply impactful and meaningful experiences shared. All in attendance appreciated the energy and commitment of those who participated.

Proclamation. Heather Wilcauskus provided updates on the Proclamation and progress related to Board of Selectmen endorsement. Heather read the current version of the Proclamation aloud. Heather and Tom Dubin (on behalf of the DTC) attended the previous night’s Board of Selectmen meeting and supported the Proclamation during the public comment period. The Board of Selectmen agreed last night to put the Proclamation on their Agenda for their next meeting. After motion and seconded, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the DTC endorse the language of the Proclamation and authorize Bob Carney and Tom Dubin to authorize revisions on behalf of the DTC (NB: final wording on the Proclamation is ultimately for the Board of Selectmen to endorse, but it is anticipated that iterations may be shared with the DTC and other supporters for their endorsements).

State Central. Ted Hofstetter provided updates on State Central matters, including upcoming phone banks.

Follow-Up to December Action Suggestions. Deb McFadden addressed the several different action items that were identified during the December Meeting, and appointed “Temporary Chairs” for each of the following: Andy Gundell, Fundraising; Florence Johnson, Upstanders; Bob Sabo, ACA; Jackie Kremer, immigration; Marcia Gethin-Jones, guns; Ross Tartell, filling DTC seats; voting rights, lobbying, Carol Young-Kleinfeld; Environment, Tom Burgess; Increased activity in Wilton, Brad Williams. These Temporary Chairs are expected to coordinate with individuals who have indicaed interest in each relevant activity and discuss steps that could be taken to begin activity and advocacy, and are expected to report their progress at the next DTC meeting (including whether they have appointed a non-temporary Chair).

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.