**Wilton DTC Minutes**

**January 3, 2017**

Attendance:

Members: John Kalamarides, Paul Burnham, Ernie Ricco, Bob Sabo, Bob Carney, Russ Tartell, Tom Burgess, Deb McFadden, Tom Dan Villa, Dubin, Steve Wall , Dan Troph, Bob Carney, Herman Telyon

Guests: Carol Young-Kleinfeld, Mike Kaelin, Cameron Berg, Anthony Iorfino, Anddy Gundel, Diane Martucci, Kathie Mandel, Pamela Brown, Lisa Stuart, Ellen Kaputska, Jim Kaputska, Ceci Maher, Lori Fusco, Kevin Leddy, Florence Johnson, Nancy Woods, Jackie Kremer

7:29 quorum and call to order by Deb McFadden, Chair

December Minutes. The December Minutes were **APPROVED**.

Treasurer’s Report. On behalf of Richard Creeth, Deb McFadden reports that the bank account currently holds $2,803.31

New DTC Members

Deb McFadden welcomed Diane Martucci and asked her to introduce herself. Diane provided a brief background of herself and interests in joining the DTC. After discussion, proper movement and seconding, Ms. Matucci was unanimously **APPROVED** as a new member of the DTC.

Report from Second Selectman. Deb welcomed Mike Kaelin, Wilton Second Selectman. Mr. Kaelin offered his perspectives on the town’s finances, including reduced contributions from the State for education and other areas, which results from reduced State income tax receipts. Mr. Kaelin also commented on the need to update and electrify the Danbury train line, and the challenges in doing so. Regarding more local issues, Mr. Kaelin discussed that economic strains on the town are resulting in very thin staffing for critical services including police and fire. Several members and guests asked Mr. Kaelin questions about his comments and also regarding other matters (e.g., efforts to grow the grand list).

Draft BoS Resolution re Inclusion. Deb McFadden circulated a draft Resolution which the DTC may request the Board of Selectmen to endorse. Many comments were shared, including regarding the content and process. Mr. Kaelin provided his thoughts regarding the most constructive approaches, including how best to maximize the odds of support from the Board of Selectmen. Deb asked Bob Carney to coordinate revisions to the draft Resolution along with several other members and non-members.

Follow-Up to December Action Suggestions. Deb McFadden addressed the several different action items that were identified during the December Meeting, and identified the people who might spearhead each.

Registrar’s Comments. Carol Young-Kleinfeld presented and discussed two initiatives being discussed at the State level: (1) permissible, in-person voting prior to Election Days, and (2) determination that Connecticut’s electoral votes should be assigned to the winner of the national public vote. In addition, Carol provide an update on current party and unaffiliated registration numbers.

Historical Society Speaker Series. Deb McFadden invited Ross Tartell to discuss potential DTC support of the Historical Society Speaker Series, which was co-sponsored by the DTC last year at $300. The Historical Society has asked the DTC to support the Series at $200 this year. After discussion, the grant of $200 was unanimously **APPROVED**.

Nominating. Paul Burnham introduced the following people for the following positions. Each introduced herself and reasons for interest in the indicated posiions. After discussion each was unanimously **APPROVED**:

1. Kathie Mandel – Inland Wetlands
2. Lisa Stewart -- Conservation
3. Ceci. Maher -- Library

Communications: Bob Carney encouraged all to subscribe to the DTC Twitter feed and Facebook page.

Spring Breakfast. John Kalimarides will coordinate the DTC’s selection of honorees (Democrat of the Year and Lifetime Achievement). Deb McFadden discussed potential dates (April 1 is current proposal) and venues for the event. The DTC **APPROVED** authorization for Deb McFadden to determine the date and venue, and to spend up to $1,000 in initial amounts to reserve the site and make any required down payments to associated venders.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.