**Wilton DTC Minutes**

**November 1, 2016**

Attendance:

Members: John Kalamarides, Dan Troph, Tom Burgess, Leslie Holmes, Steven Wall, Richard Creeth, Paul Burnham, Bob Carney, Valerie Rosenson, Charlie Lewis, Maxime Francis, Ted Hoffstatter, Tom Dubin, Deborah McFadden.

Non-members: Jonah Hirsh, Cameron Berg and Wendy Murphy

Call to Order. 7:30 quorum and call to order by Deb McFadden, Chair.

Tom Dubin, Acting Secretary.

October Minutes. The October Minutes were **approved**.

Treasurer’s Report. Richard Creeth provided an update on financial matters. The DTC currently holds approximately $2,500, net of a few expenses that have not yet been billed.

Chair’s announcements:

Deb McFadden discussed:

* Jim Himes debate
* HazMat Day and Wilton Halloween Parade, and participation of several WDTC members who handed out campaign literature at each.
* Voter Protection Training available in Hartford
* Presidential Debate viewing

Wilton Green discussion. Deb McFadden invited Daphne Dixon to present to the DTC and visitors. Ms. Dixon works with Wilton Go Green, and discussed the WGG mission of promoting sustainable food, waste and recycling. Transportation, land and water. She encouraged all to attend the November 29 Go Green Symposium.

Parks and Recreation. Next, Deb McFadden invited Steve Pierce to present to the DTC and visitors. Mr. Pierce discussed Parks and Recreation initiatives, including the new football field and Comstock reconstruction (and all of the new ways in which the facility is being used). He discussed other Parks & Recreation programs, including Dial-a-Ride and its support for election day rides.

Nominating Committee. Paul Burnham provided an update on the Nominating Committee activity, and commented that several town Committees currently have Democratic Chairs. Mr. Burnham then discussed the reappointment of several current Democratic members of various town Committees whose terms are soon to expire. After endorsement from Mr. Burnham, discussion, motion and seconding, the following people were **approved** by unanimous consent for endorsement for additional terms on their respective Committees:

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| Social Services | Pam Kelley  Deborah Low |
| Ethics | Andrew Mais |
| Fire | Ross Tartell |
| Inland Wetlands | Elizabeth Craig |
| Police | David Waters |
| Security Task Force | Terrie Schwartz  John Suchy |
| Energy | Patrice Gillespie  Bruce Hampson |
| Library | Rob Sanders |

State Central Report. Ted Hoffstatter discussed initiatives being undertaken by the State party regarding local, state and national elections.

Communications. Bob Carney discussed Communications initiatives. Guidelines for letter writing to local publications and websites have been distributed and quick participation is encouraged. Also, Mr. Carney encouraged participation in local social media, including Twitter.

Website. Leslie Holmes provided updates on the DTC website and email management.

Campaign. Maryli Secrest commented on hub dialer initiatives and opportunities to make calls on behalf of our candidates. She also discussed robo calls that would go out immediately prior to election day. Deb McFadden discussed election day initiatives, including coordination of volunteers for poll site greeting, lawn sign placement, and vote counting observers. She also described the advertisement the DTC is sponsoring, and shared copies of the palm cards that describe our slate. Ms. McFadden also commented on plans for an election night gathering for Democrats at Reiki.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.