**Wilton DTC Minutes**

**October 4, 2016**

Attendance:

Members: Phil Sharlach, Dan Troph, Steven Wall, Leslie Holmes, Richard Creeth, Paul Burnham, Tom Dubin, Deborah McFadden, Charlie Lewis, Ross Tartell, and Ted Hoffstatter.

Non-members: Carole Young-Kleinfeld, Allison Roach, Paul Von Steenburg, Wendy Murphy, Randy Ramirez, Jonah Hirsch, and Cameron Berg.

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

September Minutes. The August Minutes were **approved**.

Treasurer’s Report. Richard Creeth provided an update on financial matters and financial results of the Fall BBQ. The DTC currently holds approximately $4,500, net of a few expenses that have not yet been billed.

Chair’s announcements:

* Comments on the Ella Grasso Awards dinner and the WDTC’s program ad
* Executive Women for Hillary

Domestic Violence Awareness discussion. Deb McFadden invited Allison Roach to present to the DTC and visitors. Ms. Roach is a volunteer lawyer who works with the Domestic Violence Crisis Center, primarily working in the court system of Norwalk. Ms. Roach provided insights into the nature of domestic violence and the realities of how best to support and defend victims, and also stressed that domestic violence occurs in all sorts of socioeconomic environments. Ms. Roach entertained several questions, after which the Chair and committee thanked her for her efforts and presentations.

Nominating Committee. Paul Burnham provided an update on the Nominating Committee activity, including a recent NomCom meeting at which Paul Von Steenburg was interviewed for the Retirement Investment Committee. Mr. Burnham introduced Mr. Von Steenburg, who then discussed his professional background and interest in the Retirement Investment Committee. Mr. Burnham made a motion to endorse Mr. Von Steenburg for such position and after proper seconding and discussion the endorsement was unanimously **approved**. Next Mr. Burnham discussed the NomCom’s determination to endorse Sherry McReynolds to the Social Services Commission, and after his motion and proper seconding and discussion she was **approved** for such endorsement unanimously.

Mr. Burnham also discussed a Board of Selectmen meeting held on September 6, at which the BofS reviewed several persons who were endorsed for appointment by the WDTC NomCom. Three of the endorsed people were appointed. Regarding the Board of Economic Development, the BofS increased the number on the Board to 12, and only one of the DTC’s nominees was appointed. This brings the number of Democrats on the Board of Economic Development to 2 of 12. The willingness of the BofS to establish a Board with such little Democratic representation is a concern.

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

Student Attendees. Three Wilton HS students were in attendance. Deb McFadden asked them to introduce themselves and discuss their interest in Wilton and the DTC: Randy Ramirez, Jordan Hirsch, and Cameron Berg

Fire Commission. Ross Tartell discussed progress with Fire Station 2, including as relates to septic approvals and seismic matters.

Website. Leslie Holmes discussed her recent successes in updating the DTC website, and times to address in the near future.

Campaign. Deb McFadden discussed the continuing need to assist in phone banking efforts for the State and national campaigns, and how to volunteer for those efforts. Efforts will be coordinated through Norwalk, and further details will be provided. Steve Wall is designated Lawn Sign Captain, and members should contact him for signs. Bob Carney is designated Letter Writing Captain. Local newspaper policies for letter submissions have been distributed, and those interested in writing should contact Bob.

Ms. McFadden discussed the need to develop and pay for palm cards, slate mailers, and ads. Ms. McFadden made a motion that the Chair and Treasurer (approving together) be authorized to incur unlimited expense in support of election matters, provided that at least $500 be maintained as a minimum balance in the DTC bank account. After motion duly made and properly seconded and after discussion, the motion was **approved** unanimously.

Ms. McFadden discussed the need for volunteers to support the Himes debate, as well as volunteers and a coordinator for the Halloween parade. Ted Hoffstatter suggested we ask a local restaurant to allow us to host an election night party in their restaurant, which the DTC thought a good idea and Deb McFadden will follow-up.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.