**Wilton DTC Minutes**

**September 6, 2016**

Attendance:

Members: Richard Creeth, Bob Carney, Tom Burgess, Paul Burnham, Ross Tartell, Ted Hoffstatter, Dan Troph, Deborah McFadden, Tom Dubin. Non-members: Carole Young-Kleinfeld, Leslie Holmes, and Steven Wall.

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

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

Treasurer’s Report. Richard Creeth reports that net of recent insurance policy costs and receipts from the recent Chairman’s Letter, the bank account currently holds approximately $3,600.

Chair’s announcements:

* Senator Murphy event and walk
* Susan Cocco was honored in Ridgefield
* Women’s Leadership Brunch. Ad book?
* Comptroller Lembo – Connecticut Vision

Women’s Leadership Brunch Program. In connection with the Women’s Leadership Brunch, the DTC discussed taking an advertisement in the related program. After discussion, the Committee **approved** purchasing a half page ad for $150.

State Central Committee Report - Ted Hoffstatter – Carol Anne Curry has determined to run actively in the 26th (Toni Boucher’s seat); this will be a challenging run and all support is welcome. The Leadership Breakfast is a good opportunity to raise funds for the party.

Elaine Tai-Lauria, Executive Director of the Wilton Library. Deb McFadden introduced Ms. Tai-Lauria, who then provided several insights into the Library: (e.g., Wilton is different from most Towns insofar as our library is a private 501(c)(3) and not a department of the Town; 25% of the library budget is provided through personal contributions; the library was originally founded by a small handful of residents and last year was the Library’s 120th anniversary; the Library has provided invaluable support to the community during Hurricanes Sandy and Irene and other recent disasters; the Library provides a multitude of after school learning activities; VHS/DVD converter; world class concerts, including through the support of the Brubeck family; arts, literature and other seminar series; “1,000 books before kindergarten,”… ) Ms. Tai-Lauria also discussed increasing challenges, including financial challenges resulting from the recent losses of several longstanding supporters. Ms. Tai-Lauria accepted several questions and a general conversation ensued.

Guests. Deb McFadden asked Leslie Holmes and Steven Wall to introduce themselves. They each described their interests in Wilton and in Democratic politics. After a general discussion, both were unanimously **approved** as new Members of the DTC.

Board of Finance. Richard Creeth discussed recent BoF determinations to provide “not-to-exceed” requirements to the Board of Education and others, with the hope of avoiding contention resulting from the looser practice of offering “guidance.”

Fire Commission. Ross Tartell discussed progress with Fire Station 2, including as relates to septic approval and partnership with the Land Trust for potable water.

Communications. Bob Carney discussed Twitter activity and other interrelated communications initiatives.

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. Maryli Secrest has asked for additional volunteers to help on campaign initiatives.

BBQ. Deb McFadden discussed the hope for strong attendance at the BBQ this coming Saturday, and also the need for volunteers. Congressman Himes and Comptroller Lembo are expected guests.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 9:12pm.