**Wilton Democratic Caucus Minutes**

**July 19, 2017**

Comstock Community Center

Attendance – taken at the door

John Kalamarides, Temporary Chair of the Caucus, called the Caucus to order at 7:35pm

Ross Tartell was nominated by John Kalamarides as the Secretary and read the Notice of Democratic Caucus.

John then called for the election of the permanent Chair. Tom Dubin was nominated and the vote was unanimous to approve him as the permanent chair.

There were 34 registered Democrats in the room and some additional visitors.

Tom Dubin then set the ground rules for running the caucus. The caucus will use Robert’s Rules of Orders to run the meeting.

Voting on the slate of candidates. Before voting on the slate the Chair asked each member of the approved slate to complete forms to be filed with the Town Clerk and the DTC before departing the meeting.

The following candidates were placed into nomination:

**Deborah McFadden: Board of Selectmen**

**Deborah Low: Board of Education**

**Gretchen Jeanes: Board of Education**

**Richard Creeth: Board of Finance**

**Doris Knapp: Planning and Zoning Commission (4-year term)**

**Eric Fanwick:** **Planning and Zoning Commission (4-year term)**

**Bas Nabulsi: Planning and Zoning Commission (2-year term)**

**Tom Gunther: Zoning Board of Appeals**

**Jaclyn Coleman: Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate**

**Bo Mitchell: Constable**

**Ernest Ricco: Constable**

There was a motion to endorse the entire slate that was seconded. The nominations were unanimously approved.

Democratic Platform – Ernie Ricco presented the Democratic platform to the Caucus and noted that the title is the “Listen to Wilton Platform.” Comments from the floor of the caucus were in support. There was a motion to endorse the platform. The motion was unanimously supported.

There was a discussion about minority representation as it applies to the Board of Selectman. The point was made that it is an essential message that a Democrat should be on the BOS. The DTC will help to educate people about the best way to vote.

There was an announcement. The DTC BBQ is September 9th from Noon – 3 PM and it will be held in Merwin Meadows. Sign up on the website.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Minutes by Ross Tartell