**Wilton DTC Minutes**

**June 6, 2017**

Comstock Community Center

Call to Order: 7:32 quorum and call to order by Deb McFadden, Chair; Minutes taken by Tom Dubin

Attendance.

Members: Richard Creeth, Margaret Creeth, Tom Dubin, Ross Tartell, Bob Sabo, Paul Burnham, Tom Burgess, Andy Gundell, Ernie Ricco, Deborah McFadden, Florence Johnson, Diane Martucci, Melissa Spohn, and Jacki Kremer.

Guests: Zander Rappaport (DTC high school intern), Dita Bhargava (Vice Chair of the Connecticut Democratic State Party), John Blankley (exploratory candidate for State Treasurer), Carol Young-Kleinfeld (Wilton Registrar), Jane Rinard, Deborah List, Gretchen Jeanes, Laura Schwemm, Brad Williams, and Steve Lawson.

Treasurer’s Report. Mr Creeth reported that the WDTC funds balance is currently at $2,059.

Minutes. March and May minutes were unanimously APPROVED.

Chair Announcements. Deborah McFadden made several announcements regarding upcoming community and party events.

New Member. Ross Tartell introduced Brad Williams, and after introduction by Brad, motion and seconding, Brad Williams was unanimously APPROVED as a member of the DTC.

State/Central Committee Report. Deborah McFadden provided a State Central Report: the progressive dinner will by June 10, and CTVan training is ongoing.

Platform. Ernie Ricco distributed copies of the updated Democratic Party Platform for Wilton, which has been approved by the Platform Committee in advance of this meeting. Ernie described the Platform and underlying philosophies. He focused on the changes from the prior approved Platform. After discussion and modifications, the Platform was APPROVED by a majority of the members (Mr. Dubin abstained).

Presentations. Deborah McFadden introduced Dita Bhargava, Vice Chair of the Connecticut Democratic State Party. Ms. Bhargava introduced herself, providing insight into her personal and professional background, and her reasons for being committed to work on behalf of the state Democratic Party. Ms. Bhargava described major focusses and activities of the party, and described opportunities for Democrats to participate and ensure the success of our party.

Deborah Mcfadden then introduced John Blankley. Mr. Blankley has formed an exploratory committee to run for State Treasurer and has been invited to present his interests and qualifications. Mr. Blankley described his professional and personal background, and his particular expertise in regard to the Treasurer’s role.

Committees.

* Fundraising: Andy Gundell described recent thoughts regarding a fundraiser focused on a particular speaker and/or a house concert.
* Upstander Training: Florence Johnson described an upcoming event sponsored by the ACLU relating to advocacy.
* Proclamation Postcards. Zander Rappaport described the creation of postcards featuring the recent town civility proclamation. The postcards will be available in time for distribution at the Georgetown booth. After motion and seconding, the WDTC unanimously APPROVED spending to create 3 versions of the postcards (500 copies each version).
* ACA. Bob Sabo described the status of the House approved bill and Senate deliberations. Mr. Sabo described the related material available on the WDTC website.
* Gun Safety. Jackie Kremer described the recent Newtown gun safety event, and presence of the WDTC.
* Voting Rights. Carol Young Kleinfeld described status of early voting, no-excuses absentee voting, and related statewide initiatives
* Environment. Tom Burgess described recent environment and Wilton Go Green initiatives.

Nominating. Paul Burnham discussed recent appointments and vacancies for different town boards and committees. Mr. Burnham discussed the nomination of Tom Sabia to become a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee; after motion and seconding such nomination was unanimously APPROVED.

Communications. Bob Carney is unable to attend tonight’s meeting. On his behalf, Deb McFadden provided requests for pictures to be taken and shared at upcoming events.

Fire Station. Ross Tartell provided an update regarding an RFP for providing water to the fire station.

Board of Education. Laura Schwemm provided an update regarding Board of Education matters, including the desire to have additional Democrats run for Board of Education seats in the upcoming election.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 9:16pm.