**Wilton DTC Minutes**

**November 14, 2017**

Comstock Community Center

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

Attendance (19)

Members: Richard Creeth, Diane Martucci, Vicki Rossi, Leslie Holmes, Bob Sabo, Tom Burgess, Ross Tartell, John Kalamarides, Paul Burnham, Brad Williams, Peter Squitieri, Dan Troph, Laura Schwemm, Ross Tartell, Charlie Lewis, Hermon Telyan, Ernie Ricco, Deborah McFadden, and Tom Dubin.

Guests: Carol Young-Kleinfeld (Wilton Registrar), Peg Koellmer, Kim Purcell, Gretchen jeanes, Deborah Low, Tom Gunther, Melissa Spohn, Mkie Kaelin, Sue Dorfman, Candice Zarr, Jack McFadden, Patrice Gillespie, Joanna Berkowitz, Marcia Gethin-Jonoes, Jeffrey Miller, Ken Hoffman, and Kerry Nicholas.

Speaker. Deb McFadden introduced Dita Bhargava (former Vice-Chair of the CT Democratic Party), who is exploring a run for Governor. Ms. Bhargava introduced herself as a pro-business progressive. She discussed her family, education, business, not-for-profit, and political backgrounds. And she presented the priorities and initiatives that she would focus on as Governor.

Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Creeth reported on the WDTC funds balance and amounts spent in connection with the recent campaign.

Minutes. October Minutes were unanimously **APPROVED**.

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

* Swearing in ceremony held jointly with the RTC on Nov 30, 7pm Brubeck Room at the library.
* Plan of Conservation and Development is in process; those interested should provide their input directly to the town.
* Town oil tank survey being conducted.
* Indivisible meeting with Jim Himes – Nov 21, Unitarian Church, 10 Lyons Plain Rd, Westport. Advance registration necessary and on the DTC website.
* Wilton Holiday Stroll, December 1.

New DTC Member. Deborah McFadden introduced Ken Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman introduced himself to the DTC, including his concerns about recent rhetoric in Wilton. Mr. Hoffman was unanimously **APPROVED** as a new member of the DTC.

Registrar’s Report. Carol Young-Kleinfeld presented insight into the election processes and results. Headline is the successes of the Dems in getting their members out to vote (41%). In almost all races, the Democratic candidates had the highest vote getters. Approximately 33% of the Town voted, and mathematically it appears that many Republicans voted for Democrats.

Open Positions. Deborah McFadden discussed that the following positions are open: Campaign Chair, Secretary, Membership, Development.

Nominating Committee. Paul Burnham provided information regarding the Nominating Committee. The DTC nominee for Area 9 has been approved by the First Selectwoman. The Nominating Committee will meet on November 28 to discuss several open positions, including Social Services, Water Pollution Control Authority, Retirement Investment Committee, Building Inspector Board of Appeals, Council on Ethics. Deborah McFadden reported on a meeting that she and Ross Tartell had with the first Selectwoman to discuss process concerns regarding nominations and appointments.

Campaign Committee Report. Deborah McFadden summarized the major initiatives that the DTC undertook for this past election, and solicited feedback on what people thought worked well and what didn’t work well.

Open DTC Positions. Deborah McFadden mentioned two open positions: Membership Chair, and Development Chair. Interested persons should holler.

Guest, Peg Koellmer. Deborah McFadden introduced Peg Koellmer who requested the opportunity to discuss the lobbying lawn signs that have been cropping up in town (e.g., “Hate has no Home Here”, “No Sewer”, “AROD”…). Several perspectives were shared.

Resignation of Deborah McFadden. Ms. McFadden announced that given her election to the Wilton Board of Selectmen, she is resigning at this meeting. She handed the gavel to Vice Chair Tom Dubin, who thereafter assumed the position of Acting Chair. Ms. McFadden and Mr. Dubin each shared thoughts regarding Wilton, state and national matters, and in particular the strength and collaborative successes of the DTC and its friends and members.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 9:18pm.