**Wilton DTC Minutes**

**October 3, 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: Diane Martucci, Paul Burnham, Richard Creeth, Peter Squitierri, Tom Burgess, Jackie Kremer, Leslie Holmes, vVcki Rossi, Ross Trtell, Laura Schwemm, Dan Troph, John Kalamarides, Deborah McFadden, and Tom Dubin

Guests: Carol Young-Kleinfeld (Wilton Registrar), Matt Lesser (had explored a candidacy for Secretary of State), Eileen Griffin, Dwight Shih, Deborah

Low, Tom Gunther, Melissa Spohn, and Gretchen Jeanes.

Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Creeth reported that the WDTC funds balance is currently at $4,000.

Minutes. September Minutes were unanimously APPROVED.

Chair Announcements. Deborah McFadden made several announcements regarding upcoming community and Democratic party events, and led a broad discussion regarding current events, including the tragic events in Las Vegas on Sunday evening.

Presentation by Matt Lesser. Deborah McFadden introduced Matt Lesser. Mr. Lesser is a State Representative from Middletown and has considered forming an exploratory committee to run for Secretary of State. Given that Denise Merrill has dertermined to run for re-election, Mr. Lesser will not be pursuing that office, but appreciated the opportunity nonetheless to introduce himself to the WDTC. Mr. Lesser commented on gun control, the budget recently passed by the State Senate Republican leadership (and their failure to override the Governor’s veto), dynamics that have moved Democrats from a supermajority in the State Senate to the current tie and the need to buttress and rebuild the State party.

Nominations. Ross Tartell introduced Jeff Boehme for consideration as the Cable 9 rep. Mr. Tartell discussed Mr. Boehme’s background. Mr. Tartell then introduced Eileen Griffin for consideration for appointment to the Energy Commission. Ms. Griffin described her background and interest in joining the Commission. With unamimous consent, the DTC APPROVED the nominations of Mr. Boehme and Ms. Griffin (with the caveat that the DTC needs to confirm a current opening on the Energy Commission).

2017 Campaign. Deborah McFadden discussed current and planned activities related to the 2017 local elections, including lawn signs and the need for additional donations to support all of our candidates.

Phone Banks and Lit Drops. Melissa Spohn and Vicki Rossi described the work that they have done to create a target list for calling Democrats, plans for at least two phone banks, hub-dialing, and the content of a pre-written call script. Ms. Spohn and Ms. Rossi also described their efforts to coordinate literature drops and canvassing.

Debates. LoWV is sponsoring debates at the Wilton Library on October 18 (P&Z) and 19 (BoS and BoEd), 7:00pm.

Absentee Ballots. As of October 6, electors can simultaneously request a ballot and vote at Town Hall.

Letters to the Editor. Bob Carney described efforts to encourage and coordinate letters to the local newspapers in support of the Democratic candidates.

Social Media and Website. Leslie Holmes described initiatives regarding social media and the DTC website. Ms. Holmes also received a boatload of compliments regarding the website.

Advertising and Mailers. Ms. McFadden described plans for advertising and mailers.

GOTV. Ms. McFadden discussed preliminary plans for GOTV on Election Day.

Co-Secretary. Ms. McFadden nominated Diane Martucci to be Co-Secretary. After discussion, the DTC unanimously APPROVED Ms. Martucci as Co-Secretary of the DTC.

Open Positions. Deborah McFadden discussed openings for Chair of Development and Chair of Membership. Ms. McFadden also described the need for a Co-Secretary to join Diane Martucci as Co-Secretary.

Board of Finance. Richard Creeth described recent activities at the Board of Finance, including efforts to determine the Mill Rate.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.