**Wilton DTC Minutes**

**March 13, 2018**

Comstock Community Center

Call to Order: 7:32 call to order by Tom Dubin, Chair; Minutes taken by Jackie Kremer. Quorum: 7:35 pm.

Attendance.

Members (including those elected at this meeting): Vicki Rossi, Leslie Holmes, Bob Sabo, Ross Tartell, Dan Troph, Charlie Lewis, Melissa Spohn, Jackie Kremer, Tom Burgess, Patti Frisch, , Brad Williams, Max Fenwick, Jeffrey Miller, Florence Johnson, Alison Mark, Tracy Murray, Ken Hoffman, Ceci Maher, Deborah Low, Valerie Rosenson, and Tom Dubin.

Guests: Carol Young-Kleinfeld (Wilton Registrar), Karen Tartell, Anne Munkenbeck, Angela Keiser, Amy Gundel, Clare Kindall (candidate for attorney general), William Tong (exploring candidate for attorney general), Shawn Wooden (candidate for state treasurer), Rob Simmelkjaer (exploring a potential candidacy for state central) and Susan Bysiewicz (exploring a candidacy for governor)

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APPROVED.

New Members Proposed: Patti Frisch, Debbie Low, Ceci Maher, Melissa Spohn.

APPROVED.

Election of Officers and Chairs:

Chair Tom Dubin

Vice Chair Vicki Rossi

Treasurer Peter Squitieri

Co-Secretaries Diane Martucci and Jackie Kremer

Co-Chairs- Campaign Vicki Rossi and Melissa Spohn

Chair- Fundraising Vicki Rossi

Chair- Nominating Ross Tartell

Chair-Membership Tom Burgess

Chair- Communications Bob Carney

Chair- Web Leslie Holmes

Chair-By-laws Charlie Lewis
APPROVED. We now have a full slate of 34 members.

Presentations:

1. Tom Dubin introduced Clare Kindall, candidate for attorney general. Ms. Kindall discussed her background as assistant attorney general since 1998 and reasons for her interest in the position. She discussed issues important to her including student loan debt and “do not call” list.
2. Tom Dubin introduced William Tong who is exploring a potential candidacy for attorney general. Mr. Tong discussed his background and reasons for his interest in the position. He discussed the current political circumstances in Connecticut and the nation, including his interest in immigration and diversity.
3. Tom Dubin introduced Shawn Wooden, who is running for state treasurer. Mr. Wooden discussed his background and reasons for his interest in the position. He discussed his experience in public pension fund investments.
4. Tom Dubin introduced Susan Bysiewicz who is exploring a candidacy for governor. Ms. Bysiewicz discussed her background and reasons for her interest in the position. She discussed the current fiscal crisis in Connecticut and how she could help by 1. her government experience as secretary of state, 2. Her experience with state legislature, 3. her private sector business experience. Wants to invest in infrastructure, small businesses, pipeline from public colleges to businesses, pay-equity laws.
5. Tom Dubin introduced Rob Simmelkjaer from Westport, who is exploring a potential candidacy for state central. Mr. Simmelkjaer wants democrats to win and to improve the democratic brand.
6. Our own Ross Tartell is running for 125th State House. 2/3 of district is New Canaan. Mr. Tartell is motivated by his past community service including Fire Commission and long range planning work in Wilton. Strong interest in education, opioid abuse, leadership.

New Member. Ross Tartell proposed that the DTC nominate Peg Koellmer for Building and Inspector Board of Appeals). She was unanimously APPROVED.

State Conventions.Sign up sheets were put out.

May 14 - US House (Himes)

May 16 – State House (Lavielle, O’Dea/Tartell)

May 18, 19 – State Convention, US Senate (Murphy)

May 21 – State Senate (Boucher)

May 23 - Probate

Treasurer’s Report. Tom Dubin reported on the current WDTC funds balance. APPROVED – Tom Dubin is authorized to spend up to $1,500 for the annual Spring Breakfast event.

Chair Announcements.

* Spring Breakfast April 28, Chair – we need, Committee- we need, Speaker will be Jeremy Stein from CT Against Gun Violence (CTAGV), Honorees- need to be determined.
* Fundraiser, June 2- Save the Date. Wine tasting event. Bring a friend! Raffle for case of wine. Melissa Spohn and Vicki Rossi are coordinating.
* Local Senate and Assembly races
	+ 26th Senate (Boucher), 125th House (O’Dea), 143rd House (Lavielle)
* Justice Andrew McDonald – was nominated by Governor Malloy for Chief Justice. Running into trouble with Republicans not endorsing.
* Teaming with other CD4 towns for convention? Vote as block? Tom Dubin met with other town co-chairs. Some of these towns are asking their people to vote as a block. Also wondering if towns should vote together. The DTC members responded that individual delegates should be independent.
* Reports:
	+ Dubow Reception- it was a lovely, bi-partisanship event at Marley’s.
	+ March 11, 2:00-4:00, Gubernatorial Forum (Wilton co-sponsor) – went well.

News. Democrat Ernie Loser passed away. Several people shared remarks about Ernie’s contributions to Wilton and the DTC over the years.

Town Board Reports:

New Business: March 24 bus to Hartford- March For Gun. If you want to go to Hartford, see Melissa Spohn. If you want to march around Wilton, see Jackie Kremer.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 pm.