**Wilton DTC Minutes**

**April 3, 2018**

Comstock Community Center

Call to Order of Caucus: 7:32 call to order by Deb McFadden, Temporary Chair; Minutes taken by Jackie Kremer. Quorum: 7:32 pm. Caucus portion ended: 7:44 pm

Call to Order: 8:40 call to order by Tom Dubin, Chair; Minutes taken by Jackie Kremer. Quorum: 8:40 pm.

Attendance.

Members: Vicki Rossi, Bob Sabo, Dan Troph, Charlie Lewis, Melissa Spohn, Jackie Kremer, Tom Burgess, Brad Williams, Max Fenwick, Jeffrey Miller, Alison Mark, Tracy Murray, Ceci Maher, Ernie Ricco, Diane Martucci, Deb McFadden, Peter Squitieri, Paul Burnham, and Tom Dubin.

Guests: Carol Young-Kleinfeld (Wilton Registrar), Anne Munkenbeck, Amy Gundel, Eric Fenwick, Melissa Leonard, Elisabeth Wenman, Karen Birck, Patricia Gilespie, Pam Gundel, Pam Klem, Cate Mathews, Vickie Mathews, Jen Kepner, Jack McFadden, Marilyn Van Raltte, Russell Robbins, Valerie Rosenson, Gordon Nugent, Mike Kaelin, Suzanne Dorfman, Amy Kesselman, Franics Corsaro, David Hull, Berta Hull, Johanna Berkowitz, Damon Rinard, Jane Rinard, Kim Purcell, Stephanie Davis, Annette Sterling,

Guest: Tom Dubin introduced Congressman Jim Himes. Audience is DTC members, Democrats, and guests. Congressman Himes spoke on several topics, including transportation infrastructure is critical, the Russian election investigation, and our need to stand up to defend an independent judiciary, free press, and FBI. Congreessman Himes took questions from the audience, including on the following topics: food stamp program/farm bill, troops on Mexico border, student debt, future of ACA, mobilizing democrats for next election, gerrymandering, voting machinery, and high speed railway in CT.

Minutes. March 2018 Minutes were unanimously APPROVED.

New Members: Steve Wall was nominated to the DTC and after motion and discussion his appointment was unanimously APPROVED.

Nominations. Paul Burnham presented the two following candidates on behalf of the Nominating Committee. Both discussed their interest and qualifications for the positions, and both were unanimously APPROVED for recommendation to the Board of Selectmen:

* + Jeremi Bigosinski -- ZBA
  + Joseph P. Guglielmo -- Parks and Recreation Commission

Platform Committee Chair. Ernie Ricco was nominated and after motion and discussion was unanimously APPROVED as Platform Committee Chair.

Treasurer’s Report. Tom Dubin reported on the current WDTC funds balance.

Chair Announcements.

* Spring Breakfast April 28, Chair – we need everyone to attend. Buy tickets, Melissa Spohn is running event. Speaker will be Jeremy Stein from CT Against Gun Violence (CTAGV), Honorees- Deborah McFadden And Paul Burnham.
* Fundraiser for DTC, June 2. Wine tasting event at Ross Tartell’s house. Bring a friend! Send emails of friends to Vicki Rossi or Leslie Holmes. Raffle for case of wine. Melissa Spohn and Vicki Rossi are coordinating.
* State Central Convention - Barbara Reynolds and Rob Simmelkjaer are running for State Central. Voting will happen in April 17, 2018 at 7:30 at Comstock Community Center.
* Short Discussion of state candidates.
* List of important Wilton events and dates were shared.
* Annual town Meeting is May 1 at 7:30 at Clune Center. If miss meeting you can vote on May 5.

Town Board Reports:

* Deb McFadden – tax relief deadline is May 15. Available to those who meet age (Age 65) or disability plus income eligibility Also, sign up for Code Red notices in case of emergency. Town Hall is getting improved to fix rodent infestation.
* Vicki Rossi has donation handout forms for Ross Tartell. 150 people need to donate.

New Business: Friday is Carol Young-Kleinfeld’s last day as Democratic registrar. Tom Dubin speaks of Carol’s professionalism and thanks her for her excellent work.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 pm.