**Wilton DTC Minutes**

**June 5, 2018**

Comstock Community Center

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

Attendance.

Members: Peter Squitieri, Vicki Rossi, Bob Sabo, Charlie Lewis, Melissa Spohn, Jackie Kremer, Tom Burgess, Brad Williams, Jeffrey Miller, Diane Martucci, Deb McFadden, Ken Hoffman, John Kalamarides, Richard Creech, Patti Frisch, Florence Johnson, Ross Terrell, Max Fenwick, Valerie Rosenson, and Tom Dubin.

Guests: Carol Young-Kleinfeld, Eric Fanwick, Gordon Nugent

Minutes. May 28 2018 APPROVED Unanimously.

June 2, 2018 Fundraiser. 70+ people attended the fundraiser at Ross Tartell’s home. Huge success. Great Food. Thank you to Peter Squitieri, Brad Williams, Carol Ball, Jackie Kremer, Ceci Maher, intern Grayson. Extra special thanks to Vicki Rossi and Melissa Spohn for their superior organization. Approximately $5,500 was raised.

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

Mike Kaelin resigned from BOS. He was a Republican and then became an Independent. RTC will make a recommendation to fill his seat. DTC should field and support a good candidate.

July 4 Softball Game. Tom Dubin encouraged us to attend the game. Contact Eric Fenwick to sign up to play.

7:53 Resignations. Tom Burgess and Jackie Kremer resigned from DTC effective this meeting. They are moving to Massachusetts.

Elections Updates

1. Conventions: We recommend State convention needs to be better organized. Governor: Ned Lamont won. Ganim failed to get 15% but is trying to get signatures to primary Lamont.
Lieutenant Governor: Susan Bysiewicz partnered with Lamont and won. Eva Zimmerman will also be on primary ballot.
Attorney General: Paul Doyle, Chris Mattei, William Tong (won).

Treasurer: Dita Bhargava, Shawn Wooden and Arunan Arulampalam will be on primary ballot.

Secretary of State: Denise Merrill

Comptroller: Kevin Lembo

Senate: Chris Murphy

Jim Himes’ convention was fun.

Ross Tartell’s convention went smoothly. Ross is running a great campaign. He has two campaign managers from New Canaan. Please (Wilton and New Canaan residents) contribute $5 each in order to get Ross qualifying money. Richard Creeth is his treasurer. We believe Ross can win and replace Tom O’Dea.

Will Haskell’s convention was well attended. Lots of energy around his campaign. He is a serious candidate. Contact Vicki and Melissa if you want to help Will’s campaign in Wilton

Judge of Probate: Doug Stern and Darnell Crosland will both be on primary.

1. Primary date is August 14, 2018.
2. June 30, 2018 is campaign kick-off day. Meet at 10:30 at Comstock. We will knock on doors. See Vicki and Melissa to volunteer.
3. Headquarters – we need to mobilize to get a headquarters 2 months before Nov election. Patti Frisch to spearhead. It was unanimously APPROVED that the DCT Chair is authorized to sign a lease for a campaign headquarters in an amount at his discretion.
4. Letters to Editors- we need people to write letters.
5. Social Media -Richard Creeth mentioned that he thought social media (social endorsements = share a post or write a post) was more important than Letters to Editors. Max Fenwick volunteered to help with social media.
6. Grayson will coordinate absentee ballots for high school starting now.
7. Georgetown Day- Sunday June 10, Noon- 6pm. Tom Dubin will compile names of volunteers. Florence Johnson will coordinate. Share information on voter registration and absentee ballots. Share candidate information. Note: only those registered with a party can vote in that party’s primary.
8. Wilton Chamber of Commerce Street Fair - Saturday July 15th from 10:00-4pm.
9. July 4 event- 4 pm set-up. Take down at dusk, around 8 pm.

Campaign Committee: Vicki Rossi and Melissa Spohn are the 2018 Campaign Chairs. We need 6 people to sign up for campaign committee to organize to do phone banks, knock on doors, accompanying candidates, marketing materials, etc. One does not need to be on DTC to be on campaign committee.

DTC Nominating Committee. We want to put forth a candidate to fill Mike Kaelin’s spot in BOS. Tom Burgess proposed we nominate Ceci Maher to fill Mike Kaelin’s spot in BOS. Vote was **unanimous** in favor with one abstention.

Economic Development Council has 4 openings.

BoS report. Deb McFadden reported on the proposed Round-About (intersection of Belden Hill and Wolfpit Roads ) meeting. CT State Dept of Transportation Hearing and PowerPoint presentation will be available on town website. Comments from town attendees were overwhelmingly against.

New Business: Consider moving our July meeting because it is night before July 4. Tom Dubin will look into it.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 pm.