**Wilton DTC Minutes**

**August 7, 2018**

Comstock Community Center

Call to Order: 7:34 call to order by Tom Dubin

Attendance.

Members: Paul Burnham, Deborah McFadden, John Kalamarides, Melissa Spohn, Vicki Rossi, Leslie Holmes, Diane Martucci, Dan Troph, Ceci Maher, Jeff Miller, Max Fanwick, RIchad Creeth, Brad Williams, Peter Squitieri, Ross Tartell, Charlie Lewis, and Tom Dubin

Guests: Carol Young-Kleinfeld, Karen Birck, Gordon Nugent, Jacqueline Ridberg, and Patrice Gillespie

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

Fight Back Connecticut. Tom Dubin introduced Jacqueline Ridberg. Jacqueline described Fight Back Connecticut, and addressed several questions.

Chairman’s Letter. Tom Dubin discussed the Chairman’s letter that had been mailed to 400+ people that morning. Tom described the purpose of the letter as an update of DTC activities and preparations for the upcoming elections, and also as a fundraising vehicle. The quality of the recipient list was discussed (e.g., whether many of the addresses and names are stale), and Richard Creeth, John Kalamarides and others wondered whether the Chairman ought to send a similar letter to all homes in Wilton with Democrats.

Campaign HQ. Mr. Dubin described the status of discussions regarding the lease for a campaign headquarters. 300 Danbury road remains the most promising location, and insurance issues are being worked out.

Fall BBQ. Melissa Spohn described plans for the DTC BBQ, to be held on September 8. Several people volunteered to be responsible for the necessary activities. After discussion, it was unanimously **APPROVED** to spend up to $3,500 on the BBQ.

Campaign Updates. Vicki Rossi and Melissa Spohn updated the DTC on current plans regarding campaign activities and expenditures. They described the media buys anticipated, content and strategies for mailers and lit drop material, and budget. After discussion, it was unanimously APPROVED to spend up to $13,000 in support of the November campaigns.

Additional Chair announcements. Mr. Dubin described the workshop that State Comptroller Kevin Lembo will be hosting for Democratic candidates in Wilton on August 27, and also described the upcoming Cannon Grange fair and candidate intentions to attend. Mr. Dubin also thanks Ceci Maher for her willingness to be interviewed by the Wilton Board of Selectmen to fill the seat recently vacated by Michaael Kaelin. There was a general discussion regarding the relative merits of Ms. Maher and the Republican candidate who was ultimately chosen by the Republican controlled Board, and a strongly held view that Ms. Maher was the stronger candidate.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.