**Wilton DTC Minutes**

**September 4, 2018**

Comstock Community Center

Call to Order: 7:37 call to order by Tom Dubin

Attendance.

Members: Deborah McFadden, Max Fanwick, Laura Schwemm, Tracy Murray, Jeff Miller, Dan Troph, John Kalamarides, Ceci Maher, Charlie Lewis, Leslie Holmes, Peter Squitieri, Diane Martucci, Paul Burnham, Deborah Low, Vicki Rossi, Ross Tartell, Florence Johnson, Alison Mark, and Tom Dubin

Guests: Carol Young-Kleinfeld, Karen Birck, Gordon Nugent, Jim Kapustka, Stephanie Thomas, and Irene Burgess,

Treasurer’s Report. Peter Squitieri reported on the current WDTC funds balance, including breakout from the Chair’s recently mailed solicitation.

Chair’s Announcements: Mr. Dubin described, and the group discussed: Kevin Lembo’s recent meeting with candidates held in Wilton; phonebanks for Haskell and Tartell, Meet & Greets for various candidates at Stop & Shop, CT coffee and elsewhere; LOWV registration Day; LOWV debates; upcoming benefit for Chris Murphy; Ella Grasso Women’s Leadership Brunch; YMCA honoring Dick Dubow; and Candidate event at McFadden home; Town meeting to discuss “Blue Zone” initiatives.

Guests:

Rob Simmelkjaer. Mr. Dubin introduced Rob Simmelkjaer, Democratic State Central Representative. Mr. Simmelkjaer described several initiatives at State Central, including plans to address concerns regarding the 2018 State Convention logistics, excitement for the Johana Hayes campaign, new staffing at State Central, and enhancements to CTVAN. Mr. Simmelkjaer described a letter that several DTC Chairs are contemplating co-signing regarding the distinction between the “Independent” p arty and unaffiliated voters. After discussion, the DTC unanimously **APPROVED** Mr. Dubin signing such a letter.

Irene Burgess. Mr. Dubin introduced Irene Burgess. Ms. Burgess described an upcoming event to raise awareness regarding sham reproductive services clinics in Danbuy. NARAL is co-sponsoring the event, and several local candidates are expected to participate.

Brian Stern. Mr. Dubin introduced Brian Stern. Mr Stern is a member of Westport’s Board of Finance, and fther of Doug Stern, candidate for Judge of Probate. Mr. Stern provided updates on Doug Stern’s campaign, and conveyed regrets that Doug is unable to join this meeting due to a conflicting meeting of the Norwalk Town Council.

Fall BBQ. Melissa Spohn and Mr. Dubin described plans for the Fall BBQ (September 8). Candidates Bysiewicz, Himes, Haskell, Lembo, Tartell, Thomas, Stern, and Tong are expected. Final logistics were discussed, and the DTC was urged to well additional tickets.

Campaign Updates. Vicki Rossi, Melissa Spohn, and Tom Dubin updated the DTC on current plans regarding campaign activities and expenditures. They described plans for a Candidates Guide, ads, and GOTV mailers. They also discussed the opening of the new HQ on September 14, and staffing and plans for use of the HQ.

Nominating Committee. Paul Burnham described town vacancies, and four candidates for the Economic Development Commission (Max Fanwick and Michael Hund), Inland Wetlands (Karen Silverberg), and Energy (David Heiden). After discussion, each of these four candidates was unanimously **APPROVED** to be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.