**Wilton DTC Minutes**

**November 11, 2018**

Comstock Community Center

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

Attendance.

Members: Richard Creeth, Deborah McFdden, Melissa Spohn, Jeff Miller, Max Fanwick, John Kalamarides, Ceci Maher, Paul Burnham, Deborah Low, Florence Johnson, Brad Williams, Charlie Lewis, Hermon Telyan, Ross Tartell, and Tom Dubin

Guests: Carol Young-Kleinfeld, Karen Birck, Gordon Nugent, Margaret Creeth, Lind Arden, Sunila Kapur, Rob Maher, Jack Lynch, Tom Gunther, Angela Keiser, Paula Casiraghi, Lilly Casiraghi, Stephen Blinder, Jill Koleszar, Senator-elect Will Haskell, Lorie Paulson, Lois Blck, Stephanie Thomas, Candice Zarr, Eric Glass

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

Election Recap. Tom Dubin and Melissa Spohn presented details of the November election. Wilton Democratic candidates significantly surpassed their margins from the most recent prior election in all races. Despite losses in the two local State House races, the results were excellent, including flipping the local State Senate seat from Toni Boucher to Will Haskell, sending Chris Murphy and Jim Himes back to Washington, winning the local Judge of Probate for Doug Stern, and winning all State constitutional offices and gaining control of both houses of state Congress. A lengthy discussion ensued in which different successful efforts of the campaign were discussed as well as opportunities for improvement in future elections, and several people were thanked for outstanding effort (especially Vicki Rossi, Melissa Spohn, Peter Squitieri, and Leslie Holmes).

Candidate Comments. Mr. Dubin introduced Ross Tartell, Stephanie Thomas, and Will Haskell, and invited each to provide observations on the election. Each candidate did so, noting the efforts of the Wilton DTC on their behalf, and the DTC expressed their appreciation for all of the efforts, creativity and time invested by the candidates on behalf of the Democratic party. Mr. Haskell was congratulated for his successful campaign, and Mr. Tartell and Ms. Thomas were encouraged to consider running for office in the future.

Nominations Committee. Paul Burnham described recent deliberations of the Nominations Committee regarding whom to endorse to replace Richard Creeth on the Board of Finance following his pending resignation. The Nominations Committee endorsed Ceci Maher to fill the position, and after discussion and proper motions Ms. Maher was unanimously **approved** for endorsement to the Board of Selectmen.

Cake. All attendees, including the candidates, ate cake in celebration of the campaigns and election cycle. Mr. Dubin had two pieces.

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