**Wilton DTC Minutes**

**February 5, 2019**

Comstock Community Center

Call to Order: 7:33 call to order by Tom Dubin

Attendance.

Members: Vicki Rossi, Brad Williams, Stephen Blinder, Max Fenwick, Lorie Paulson, Melissa Spohn, Florence Johnson, Bob Sabo, Deborah Low, Peter Squitieri, Ross Tartell, Richard Creeth, Laura Schwemm, Dan Troph, Paul Burnham, Aison Mark, Valerie Rosenson, Ken Hoffman, Jeff Miller, Charlie Lewis, Tom Dubin

Guests: Paula Cariraghi, Rob Maher, Robert Zsunkan, Bob Hoch, Mickael Kaelin, Karen Birck, and Eric Glass

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

Minutes. Minutes from the January, 2019 meeting were unanimously APPROVED.

Chair’s Announcements/Discussions.

Mr. Dubin and others discussed the following concluded events:

* January 28 trip to Hartford for tour and reception with Senator Haskell
* January 29 “Red to Blue” meeting of DTC Chairs held in Cheshire.

Mr. Dubin and others discussed the following upcoming events:

* February 9 Meeting of 4th CD DTC Chairs
* February 9 LWV Open House with Senator Haskell (and Reps. Lavielle and Odea)
* February 11 Breakfast Reception in Westport with Senators Looney and Duff.

Nominations Committee. Ross Tartell described the Nominations Committee’s decision to endorse Bob Zsunkan for the Board of Assessment Appeals, Tierney O’Hearn for the Library Board, and Jaclyn Coleman for Planning and Zoning. Mr. Zsunkan was present and introduced himself and discussed his interests and qualifications. After discussion, the endorsements of Mr. Zsunkan and Mr. O’Hearn were unanimously APPROVED. Mr. Tartell also discussed that the Nominations Committee has approved the addition of Jeff Miller, Max Fanwick, and Stephen Blinder as members of its committee.

Communications Chair. Mr. Dubin nominated Michele Bennett as Communications Chair. After discussion, Ms. Bennet was unanimously APPROVED. Mr. Dubin thanked Bob Carney for having done an exceptional job as Communications Chair beforehand, but whose employment duties preclude him remaining in the position.

School Regionalization. A general discussion was held regarding two bills being discussed in Hartford which would address regionalization of school districts in the state. The bills are cause of much concern. The content of the bills and efforts to influence their drafting and passage were discussed, including that Mr. Dubin has issued a statement on behalf of the DTC in opposition to forced measures. Several members of the DTC offered their perspectives, including Deborah Low, member of Wilton’s Board of Education.

2019 Events. A general discussion regarding the Spring Breakfast (April 6), Summer Fundraiser (June 8), and Fall BBQ was held.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.