**Wilton DTC MINUTES**

**February 2, 2021**

By Zoom

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

Attendance

Deb McFadden, Ross Tartell, Alison Mark, Vicki Rossi, Melissa Spohn, Peter Squitieri, Jim Kapustka, Melissa Spohn, Ken Hoffman, Lorie Paulson, Robert Sabo, Florence Johnson, Stephen Blinder, John Kalamaridis, Ruth Deluca, Jung Soo Kim, Joe Magnano, Elizabeth O’Connell, Ceci Maher, Ann Nunes, Jane Rinard, Keith Denning

Guests

Will Haskell, Bob Wallace, Lynda Carroll, Cynthia Feher, Robert Sabo, Wesley Shipp, Deborah Low, Lois Block, Eric Glass

Chair’s Announcements/Discussions

\* February 13 – League of Women Voters and Wilton Library sponsoring zoom dialogue with Senator Will Haskell, Representatives Tom O’Dea and Stephanie Thomas.

\* Recent State numbers are 925,000, Dems and 510,00 Reps, over 1 million unaffilaited

\* April Annual Spring breakfast will be held. Suggestions for event due to Covid 19 requirements

Treasurers Report

\* Wilton DTC financially strong

\* State Dem Party requesting donations, $10.00 donation sufficient

Senator Will Haskell

* Open Choice Legislation VOLUNTARY program to allow overcrowded urban school students to attend classes in schools with declining enrollment
* Westport has participated in program for many years with great success
* Encourages more diversity and broader student experience
* Towns sending students will be pay small fee for program as well as will absorb costs if students require special education
* May prevent teacher layoffs if declining enrollment
* Need for more affordable Wilton housing
* Will opposed to CT regulation that puts lien on homes if people receiving public assistance
* Expanding voting opportunities for CT residents

Wilton Vaccination Efforts

Vicki Rossi helping administer vaccines through Visiting Nurse and Hospice of Fairfield County. Program organized well and vaccinations being delivered promptly and efficiently.

Nominations

Bob Wallace unanimously approved by WTDC for Board of Assessments, with abstentions by Selectmen Deb McFadden and Ross Tartell.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.