**Wilton DTC MINUTES for 6, 2021**

Call to Order: 7:30 call to order by Vicki Rossi

Attendance

Vicki Rossi, Alison Mark, Melissa Spohn, Jeffrey Miller, Jim Kapustka, Leslie Holmes, Ken Hoffman, Lorie Paulson, Stephen Blinder, John Kalamarides, Jane Rinard, Ceci Maher, Ernie Ricco, Lois Block, Keith Denning, Lorie Paulson, Savet Constantine, Florence Johnson, Ann Nunes

Guests

Boe Michell, Stephanie Thomas, Will Haskell, Doug Stern, Wesley Shipp, Alison Smith

Chair’s Announcements/Discussions

-July 21st – Caucus to endorse Democrats for municipal election

-Due to Covid, the state mandated only members of DTC can vote this year for candidates

-September 14 -primary elections will be held if necessary

-November 2 – Election Day

-July 24th – Wilton street fair

-August 29th – Cannon Grange fair

-September 12th – DTC Barbeque

Treasurers Report

Jane Rinard reported on balances

June Minutes

Approved

Stephen Blinder

Town Halls in Ridgefield, Norwalk, Westport and Stamford for Himes. Details on Himes Website.

July 24 at Sono 50 - Himes Fundraiser

Senator Will Haskell

-Bill passed for free community college for CT students he proposed when chaired Education Committee

-Bill passed for $15.00 usage fee on out-of-state tractor trailers using CT roads

-Proposal for additional rail service, including having direct lines from CT to Penn Station

Representative Stephanie Thomas

-Open Choice Program for schools

-Supports repealing and replacing Bill 830 G re affordable housing

-Fair Housing Bill 6611 deals with building affordable housing where needed

-Accessory dwelling units should be allowed to rent out

-Town owned land used for potential affordable housing development as well as state owned property near train stations

-Bill H—2 states towns can reject plans based oncharacter

-Early voting will be on ballot next year

-Legislation considered for remote learning for children who require this to perform

-Legislation considered for extending telehealth

-Legislation considered for women, minority and business development initiatives

Ernie Ricco

-Offered thanks and gratitude for developing WTDC platform for over 20 years

-CT DTC platform replaces local platform and several copies distributed

Board of Selectman Update

-Shelter Island plan rejected

-Roof on Cider Mill will be replaced

Nominating Committee

Perry Shepherd approved for Council on Ethics Commission

Alison Smith approved for Economic Development Commission

Previous member Bob Carney approved to rejoin Wilton DTC

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.