**Wilton DTC MINUTES for June 1, 2021**

Zoom Meeting

Call to Order: 7:30 call to order by Tom Dubin

Attendance

Tom Dubin, Alison Mark, Vicki Rossi, Melissa Spohn, Jeffrey Miller, Jim Kapustka, Leslie Holmes, Ken Hoffman, Lorie Paulson, Joe Magnano, Stephen Blinder, John Kalamarides, Jane Rinard, Robert Sabo, Deb McFadden, Ross Tartell, Ceci Maher, Ernie Ricco, Lois Block, Keith Denning, Sunila Kapur, David Mark

Guests

Bob Carney, Stephanie Thomas, Wil Haskell, Julie Corbet, Frank Bria, Deborah Lisz, Karen Birck, Bas Nabulsi

Chair’s Announcements/Discussions

-Wilton Town meeting had 4.2% turnout and without 15% minimum budget automatically passes

-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

-June 2nd – Himes hosting event in Westport at Black Duck Café

-Shall monthly meetings resume next month or shall we do hybrid of in-person and zoom

Treasurers Report

Jane Rinard reported on balances

May Minutes

Approved

Senator Will Haskell

-Bills passed include clean slate so minor felonies are expunged after 7 years

-EMT’s now included in post-traumatic stress bill

-towns can now set own speed limits

-Voting Rights Bill SB5details still under discussion

-Bottle Bill – increase redemption rates for bottles

-Haskell as Senate Chair of Transportation is focusing on improving train frequency and speed, among other issues

Representative Stephanie Thomas

- Bill under discussion re wage disparity and increase in prevailing minimum wage

-Debate about renewable energy

-SB5 voting rights bill under discussion

Wilton DTC Platform for 2021-2023

-Ernie Ricco presented revised platform

-90% of platform is identical to last year’s

-Minor changes in wording of certain ideas expressed in platform

-Considering eliminating WTDC opposition to pay to play in schools

Nominating Committee

Vicki Rossi (Vice-chairman) and Ceci Maher (Chairman) still need qualified candidates to run for several positions

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.