

Wilton DTC Minutes

April 4, 2017

Comstock Community Center

Call to Order: 7:32 quorum and call to order by Deb McFadden, Chair.

Attendance.

Members: Leslie Holmes, Bob Sabo, Bob Carney, Tom Burgess, John Kalamarides, Phil Sharlach, Brian Lilly, Ross Tartell, Paul Burnham, Diane Martucci, Dan Troph, Deborah McFadden, Florence Johnson, Jackie Kremer and Tom Dubin.

Guests: Chief John Lynch, Andy Gundell, Patrice Gillespie, Betsy Paterson, Cynde Koritzinsky, Brad Williams

Treasurer's Report. There is no Treasurer's report. Our Treasurer, Richard Creeth, is in Cancun. We presume this does not bode poorly for our finances.

Chair Announcements. Deborah McFadden made several announcements regarding upcoming community and party events, including the Town Meeting on May 2, and the Connecticut Democratic Party dinner on June 10 in Hartford.

Chief John Lynch. Deborah McFadden introduced John Lynch, Wilton's newly appointed Chief of Police. Chief Lynch addressed several questions, including Wilton's positions regarding handling of undocumented persons, handling of domestic violence situations, and issues regarding youth and teenagers (including drugs, alcohol, and driving).

DTC Membership. Ross Tartell reported on the status of people being considered for inclusion in the DTC. Both Florence Johnson and Jackie Kremer were presented for nomination to the DTC. Each introduced herself and after discussion and motion, each was **APPROVED** as a new member unanimously.

Nominating. Paul Burnham discussed that Parks and Rec, and P&Z have upcoming vacancies and interested parties should reach out to the Nominating Committee. In addition, Paul mentioned that the Nominating Committee itself has vacancies, and encouraged all in attendance to consider becoming members.

Board of Finance. John Kalamarides updated the DTC on current Board of Finance matters, including the expectation that the mill rate will increase approximately 1.5%.

Website. Leslie Holmes updated the DTC on website matters. The new website is working well, though a few pages need to be further populated with information (especially certain action groups).

Communications. Bob Carney updated the DYC on communications matters, including the increasing reach of our social media accounts.

Spring Breakfast and award ceremony. Deb McFadden reported on the very successful Spring Breakfast and award ceremony held at Trackside last Saturday. Attendance was strong, and included the State Democratic Party Chair, and State Comptroller Kevin Lembo.

Action Group Updates. Tom Dubin described the advertisement that the DTC placed in last week's Bulletin, which included the full text of the recent Tolerance Proclamation, congratulations to the Selectmen, and thanks to the people and organizations who supported the Proclamation. Andy Gundell discussed current thoughts regarding fundraising, and a related questionnaire will be distributed. Florence Johnson discussed a recent event supporting upstander and "know your rights" training. Jackie Kremer reported on gun safety, and efforts to coordinate with existing state gun safety organizations.

New Business. Deborah McFadden mentioned that the DTC will be sponsoring a high school intern. One item for him to address will be to coordinate a solicitation mailing from the Chair. Deb described and then asked for a resolution to approve the solicitation, which after motion and discussion was **APPROVED**.

Adjourn – The meeting was adjourned at 9:13pm.