

WILTON DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE
July 5, 2005 Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Sharon Grace, John Gardiner, Fred Herot, Ernie Loser, Lois Alcosser, Scott Kimmich, Ted Hofstatter, Ernie Ricco, David Borglum, Hallie Wofsy, Troy Ellen Dixon, Barbara Massey-Bear

GUESTS: Brian Lilly, Louise Herot, Karen Birck, John Hartwell, Joseph Cugno, Art Schultzman, Doug Bayer,

Absent and Excused: Toni Lee, Charlie Lewis, Alice Ayers, Richard Creeth, Deborah McFadden, Margaret Derosé

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Membership Committee

(Insert section from Sharon)

2. Nominating Committee

The following slate of 2005 Democratic candidates is proposed and approved by the Wilton DTC:

Position	Candidate
First Selectman	Brian Lilly
Board of Selectmen	Alice Ayers Richard Creeth
Board of Education	Karen Birck
Board of Finance	Andy Pforzheimer
Planning and Zoning	Doug Bayer Joseph Cugno
Zoning Board of Appeals	John Gardiner
Constable	Art Schultzman Bo Mitchell (Nominating Committee vote pending) Norris Brown (Nominating Committee vote pending)

3. Platform Committee

APPROVAL OF PLATFORM

Ernie Ricco, Chair of the Platform Committee, discusses the new platform. The suggested changes from the June 7 Wilton DTC meeting was incorporated into the Platform by Ernie Ricco.

The floor is opened for new discussion/amendments to the revised Platform. The following suggestions are made:

- Re-examine the Tax Structure. Budgets should be built so that revenue matches expenditure. Discourage across-the-board cuts for town services.
- Budgets should be more closely aligned with individual department needs
- Work with other towns to improve traffic (e.g. Georgetown and Redding) in the Town Planning and Management section
- Support open spaces and the acquisition of new land

The Wilton DTC unanimously approves the Platform with all changes.

The Wilton DTC thanks the Platform Committee's efforts and in particular, Ernie Ricco's efforts.

4. By-Laws Committee

APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS

The Wilton DTC unanimously approves the proposed By-Laws.

5. Finance Committee

We are inviting Senator Chris Dodd for one of the following dates:

- Nov 6 for Cocktails
- Nov 19 for Breakfast, Reception or Dinner

Saturday morning events are good for invitees.

There will be a campaign event on September 17. Kristine Lilly has agreed to participate in a benefit to be determined.

We will also plan for a casual meeting with Senator Joseph Lieberman at a diner.

6. Campaign Committee

The November elections are coming up. As such, the Campaign Committee is looking for volunteers and a time commitment. The time commitment will be between 20 to 30 hours in the Fall, between now and Nov 8 to perform the following functions:

- Making Phone Calls
- Door-to-door visits both with the candidate and alone (without the candidate)
- Creating Mailings
- Developing Media Mix and Advertising
- Performing Literature Drops

Ernie Ricco volunteered for developing Media Mix and Advertising.

Barbara Buck and Ted Hofstatter volunteered to create mailings.

All candidates are requested to email their top 3 issues/platforms to Ernie Ricco for inclusion in ads and flyers.

OLD BUSINESS

The Wilton Democratic Caucus will be held on July 25, 2005. The Caucus will approve:

- The Wilton DTC town slate for the 2005 elections
- By-Laws
- Platform

The Wilton DTC approved By-Laws and Platform are on the Wilton DTC website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The balance in the Wilton DTC account is \$2,941.14, with no pending payments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Secretary, Jon Tan, will send out the revised May minutes and the June minutes in time for the next Wilton DTC meeting on August 2, 2005.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm.