

WILTON DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE
July 11, 2006 Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Richard Creeth, Scott Kimmich, Art Shulman, Ted Hofstatter, John Gardiner, Ernie Ricco, Lois Alcosser, Fred Herot, John Kalamarides, Charlie Lewis, Ernie Loser, David Borglum, Alice Ayers, Barbara Massy Bear, Hallie Wofsy, Sharon Grace, Jon Tan

GUESTS: David Fuller (Friends of Joe Lieberman), Kathleen Warner (Malloy Campaign), Ali (Wilton Bulletin), Jeremy Soulliere (Villager)

Absent and Excused: Toni Lee, Deborah McFadden, Troy Ellen Dixon, Brian Lilly, Margaret Reeves, Margaret Derose

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m.

CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Applications for absentee ballots are available for anyone interested. Chairperson Sharon Grace has these.
2. The traditional 4th of July Democrats vs. Republicans softball game was cancelled due to weather.
3. Peggy Reeves needs workers for primary day, August 8. Workers can either work the morning or evening shift for pay of approximately \$9/hour. If interested, pls call Peggy Reeves at (203) 563-0112.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from June 6, 2006 are approved unanimously, with two typographical corrections and the following changes: Charlie Lewis is running for re-nomination to the Water Commission and the other Democrat on the Water Commission is Doug Walker.

SELECTMEN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board of Selectmen met last night and discussed Marilyn Gould's conflict of interest ethics inquiry. The Board of Selectmen determined that merely a perception of ethics violations would necessitate action. After 9 months, a report was produced to show that there was a perception of a conflict of interest since Marilyn Gould is on the Board of Selectmen that has persuasive capacity over the Field House and is also the proprietor of MCG, a lessor of the Field House.

The First Selectman will appoint a civilian to produce a recommendation on action.

The Board of Selectmen solicited and accepted no public comments even though John Dempsey had requested public comments.

The town spent approximately \$25,000 to hear this case.

CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. David Fuller (Friends of Joe Lieberman) spoke to the Wilton DTC. The Fairfield county Joe Lieberman campaign office has been set up. David is moving to be the Field Organizer for Eastern Fairfield County and the valley. Louis Bevilacqua will be the new Field Organizer for Fairfield County. Louis' contact email is yellowdogdem@sbcglobal.net. David continues to ask for volunteers to help re-take the Senate. David's contact tel is 203-895 2124 and his email address is dfuller@joe2006.com.
2. Kathleen Warner (Dan Malloy Campaign) spoke to the Wilton DTC. This quarter, Dan Malloy out raised both John DeStefano and Jody Rell.
3. The Governor's Debate will occur next Tuesday at 8pm, sponsored by the League of Women Voters. Will be held in New London, CT but this will also be televised. Can get tickets through the League of Women Voters.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The balance in the Wilton DTC account is \$1,404.60.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Campaign Committee

Ted Hofstatter, Campaign Chair, updates everyone on the following:

- a) Diane Farrell was at the Ambler Farm fundraiser and also at Wilton Library. Both were well attended.

Please participate in the following:

- b) Phone Banking for Dan Malloy. Wednesday, July 12th, 6:00 – 8:30 or whenever you can make it, at the Lieberman/Malloy Headquarters in Stamford
- c) Phone Banking for Diane Farrell. Tuesday, July 25th, 6:30 – 8:30 pm, at the Farrell Headquarters, behind the Westport Arts Center on Main Street
- d) Debate party.
- e) Letter Writing for Diane Farrell. Volunteers are needed to write letters. These are free and more people read them than any ad we can pay for.
- f) Fat Cat Campaign Blow Out. Tuesday, October 10th, around 7:00 pm at Fat Cat Pie Co in Norwalk. Diane Farrell, Craig Rebecca Schiavone and Bob Duff have committed to attend.
- g) Fall Mailing, Newspaper ads and Finances. Volunteers are needed
- h) Get-Out-the-Vote phone banking for the August 8th Primary. July 27th and August 4th from Creeth, Richman.

Signs will be put up in the following locations, reminding people to come out and vote at the Primary:

- Wilton High School
- Belden Hill Road

There was a unanimous vote to allot a \$100 budget to mail out absentee ballots to those who request this.

There were 2 proposals for gathering email addresses: a) during the Get-Out-the-Vote phone calls for the August 8th Primary and b) at polling stations during Primary Day

Ted Hofstatter has been selected to serve as the Board of Selectmen's representative at the Library Board.

Nominating Committee

Charlie Lewis was re-nominated unanimously as the Water Commission representative.

Membership Committee

No report.

Platform Committee

No report.

By-Laws Committee

No report.

Finance Committee

There will be a BBQ on Saturday, September 9th at Merwin Meadows.

Barbara Massy-Bear's idea is to hire a caterer and there will be celebrity servers (not grillers). The Finance Committee needs \$250 for the Merwin Meadows rental. There will be live music via Arthur Lipner.

One caterer's bid is \$16.50 per head for hamburgers and hotdogs, corn-on-the-cob, Caesars salad, potato salad, watermelon, chocolate chip cookies.

Suggested ticket prices would be \$50 per adult and \$15 per child, as we want to draw families.

There was a suggestion that the Wilton DTC would provide the food and thereby, increase the net funds raised. Barbara will coordinate.

Volunteers for food:

- Ted Hofstatter – BBQ chicken
- Scott Kimmich
- Hallie Wofsy

- John Gardiner
- John Kalamarides
- David Borglum
- Richard Creeth
- Art Shulman
- Lois Alcosser for coleslaw
- Louise Herot for dessert

The target is 60 attendees.

The Wilton DTC unanimously agrees to spend \$250 for the Merwin Meadows rental and \$600 for mailers for both BBQ Save-the-Date and also Get-Out-the-Vote notifications for the Primary.

The Wilton DTC unanimously agrees to print tickets in the most economical feasible manner (e.g. through Creeth, Richman).

We will determine whether a health permit is needed for food not provided by a caterer.

We may need to rent tents because this is going to be a rain-or-shine event. Merwin Meadows does not have a rain-date option.

Barbara Massy Bear will provide a high-level BBQ plan within 2 weeks, via email. This will include fund raising targets -- attendance and ticket pricing.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Scott Kimmich gives a report on Ambassador Joe Wilson's breakfast speech during the Farrell gathering. Ambassador Wilson was very convincing as an anti-Iraq proponent.
2. The scheduled speaker, Craig Rebecca Schiavone (State Senate Candidate), will not be able to make it to the Wilton DTC meeting. She was in a minor fender bender. Schiavone apologized for not being able to make it. Dan Dauplaise is the Campaign Coordinator for Schiavone for Senate. Dan's contact tel is 203-249 2068. His email address is daniel.dauplaise@gmail.com.
3. Scott Kimmich motions that the Wilton DTC endorses Ned Lamont.

Joe Lieberman is using the fear factor and is said to have turned his back on the Democratic Party since he has declared his independent candidacy.

There is no second to the motion to endorse Ned Lamont. The motion fails.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm.