

**WILTON DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE**  
**August 1, 2006 Meeting**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

**ATTENDEES:** Deborah McFadden, Ted Hofstatter, Art Shulman, John Kalamarides, Fred Herot, Ernie Loser, John Gardiner, Charlie Lewis, Barbara Massy Bear, Sharon Grace, Jon Tan

**GUESTS:** Jeff Yates (Wilton Bulletin), Eric Fenwick, Bob Morgan

**Absent and Excused:** Hallie Wofsy, Richard Creeth, Scott Kimmich, Ernie Ricco, Lois Alcosser, David Borglum, Alice Ayers, Toni Lee, Troy Ellen Dixon, Brian Lilly, Margaret Reeves, Margaret Derose

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m.

**CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Poll workers are requested for primary day, August 8. Shifts begin at 5:45 am. There will be pay of approximately \$9/hour. If there is anyone interested, pls let Peggy Reeves know.
2. Bettye Ragonetti, the Town Registrar, has mentioned that there were 122 absentee ballots accepted for the primary, a high number considering there were approximately 200 for the Presidential primary.
3. Ned Lamont, the Democratic Senatorial challenger in the Primary, will visit Wilton tomorrow. His appearance will be pushed up to 5:45 pm – 6:20 pm. Venue will be Town Hall Meeting Room B. The event has been well publicized and promises to be well attended. Please come early. Ned Lamont has to leave on-time to attend a Bridgeport meeting.
4. The campaigns of Diane Farrell, Dan Malloy and others are asking for poll volunteers to represent the campaigns. The campaigns are looking for people to stand within 75 feet of the poll entrances to distribute poll cards in 2 hour shifts. Another objective would be to obtain email addresses.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Committee**

There will be a BBQ on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 2pm at Merwin Meadows.

Richard and Ted are the designated chief grillers. Fred is backup.

Volunteers are needed for the following activities. Please let Barbara Massy Bear know which activity.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>No of Volunteers Needed</b>
Food Shopping	2
Food Preparation:	
• Bake brownies	2
• Mix Salad	2
On the day of the BBQ:	
• Grillers	4
• Food servers	4
• Bartenders	2
• Clean up	6

As we want to serve beer, we are trying to get an exemption from the town on being able to serve alcohol at town properties.

The objective for the BBQ is to create community buzz and generate enthusiasm for the Wilton DTC.

Votes were taken on the following:

1. It is unanimously agreed that a tent will be rented. Cost will be \$689 plus tax.
2. There is a majority vote to charge the following rates for the BBQ tickets:
  - \$50 for ages 13 and up
  - \$10 for ages 12 and 3
  - free for ages 2 and below
  - There will be a cap of \$120 for any one family, since this is a family event.

There are 13 votes in support and 2 in opposition.

Brian Lilly's music equipment will be used with Brian's and Deb's music collection.

### Ticket Sales

Everyone is encouraged to sell 8 adult tickets and 2 childrens' tickets. The target is 60 attendees in total.

Please note that the Wilton DTC serves the town and its Democratic constituents. We will be serving at the BBQ.

There is a November victory cocktail event that is currently being thought about.

The invitation cards have not been printed yet. Creeth Richman will not be able to print 1,700 pieces in-house. We will have to go to Paul's Prosperous printing. The cards will show the BBQ info and will ask for email addresses.

## Campaign Committee

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

### I. Events:

1. Ned Lamont is coming to Wilton on Wed, August 2, 5:45 to 6:20pm, at Town Hall Meeting Room B.
2. At our BBQ on Saturday, Sept 9, 11am to 3pm, at Merwin Meadows, Diane Farrell and Craig Rebecca Schiavone will attend. All our town Constitutional officers have been invited.
3. Fat Cat Campaign Blow Out on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Diane Farrell, Craig Rebecca Schiavone and Bob Duff will attend. The rest of the primary slate winners will also be invited.
4. Democratic Rally in Fairfield on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 12pm, at Fairfield Town Green
5. Diane Farrell will be at Greenwich on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Location TBD.
6. Diane Farrell will make a re-appearance at Wilton Library, in Sept. Date and time TBD. Target turnout is more than 40 (40 attended the last Farrell Wilton Library event).

### II. Volunteers Need for the following Activities:

1. Letter Writing for Diane Farrell. Pls write. You can send the letter to not only the Wilton Bulletin and Villager, but also the Connecticut Post, the Greenwich and Stamford Advocate and other papers in neighboring towns.

Please let Ted Hofstatter know when there are letters published. Ted will let the Diane campaign know. These are important for paper endorsements.

2. Get-Out-the-Vote Calls. If there are volunteers to make calls for Primary attendance, please let Ted Hofstatter know.
3. Phones for Diane Farrell. Volunteers are needed for Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Farrell Headquarters in Westport. Pls come and help make turn-out the vote phone calls.

### III. Campaign Budget Proposal

These will be voted upon at the next meeting:

1. Fat Cat Campaign Blow Out	\$300*
2. Diane Farrell at the Library in September	\$190*
3. Events for Senatorial and Gubernatorial Candidates	\$380
4. Postcards for Democratic events (7000 cards)	\$495
a. Inkjetting	\$280
b. Postage	\$1,400
5. Postcards to remind Dems on polling location (2,500 cards)	\$195*
a. Inkjetting	\$100*
b. Postage	\$500*
c. File conversion for mailing	<u>\$150*</u>
Total	\$3,990

\*Top Priorities total \$1,435. This includes Fat Cat event, Diane at the Library and all Dems mailing on polling location.

**Nominating Committee**

No report.

**Membership Committee**

No report.

**Platform Committee**

No report.

**By-Laws Committee**

No report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. There is a proposal to put up a Walgreen's across from the Wilton Town Hall. There are 2 that think that this is a bad idea. If anyone is interested in this issue and want to voice their opinion, please contact the Planning and Zoning Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.