

**WILTON DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE**  
**February 6, 2006 Meeting**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

**ATTENDEES:** Eric Fanwick, Toni Lee, Ernie Ricco, Charlie Lewis, Deborah McFadden, Brian Lilly, Kathleen Warner, Fred Herot, Sharon Grace, John Kalamarides, John Gardiner, Ted Hofstatter, Jon Tan

**GUESTS:** Bob Morgan

**Absent and Excused:** Hallie Wofsy, Scott Kimmich, Art Shulman, Alice Ayers, Barbara Massy Bear, Margaret Reeves, Richard Creeth, Troy Ellen Dixon, David Borglum, Ernie Loser, Lois Alcosser, Margaret Derose

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The balance in the Wilton DTC account is \$ 1,259.92.

**CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Fat Cat Thank You for Suzanne and Tony/Reflections
2. Inconvenient Truth Reflections
3. Bill Brennan to visit us in April
4. JJB

**SELECTMEN'S REPORT**

Richard Creeth reported that the Town will now begin to reflect retirement health benefits as a

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership**

Brian Lilly, chair, updates the DTC on the form letter drafted, to be sent out to all new Democratic voters that have moved into Wilton.

There will be another form to be drafted for registered Independents.

As of Feb 1, Democrats are up 10 and Republicans are down 10. 11,189 total voters in Wilton.

Suggestions:

- Mention the Annual Town Meeting process

If there are any other suggestions, please let Brian Lilly know.

## **Nominating**

Toni Lee, Chair, gives an update.

There are 2 open positions and 2 candidates

1. Conservation – Katherine Throckmorton, to continue on
2. Water Pollution Control – Jim Meinhold

Both candidates are unanimously approved to be the Democratic candidates for the 2 open spots.

There were about 10 responses to the newspaper posting on the Conservation opening.

Nominating is going to be more active this year, especially around looking for a First Selectman candidate. If there are people seeking to be the Democratic candidate for First Selectman or any other position, the Nominating Committee will assess capability and commitment.

There is a suggestion to increase the profiles of would-be candidates. There are currently 2 Democratic or Democratic-leaning Chairs of Town Boards.

Karen Birck – Board of Education

Dick Dubow – Board of Finance

If anybody has any thoughts/suggestions, please reach out to Toni Lee.

## **Platform**

Ernie Ricco, Chair, gives an update.

There was a Platform meeting at the end of January. Important issues that came up were:

- Ethic Committee reform
- Accountability for project prioritization
- Hold referenda on issues before election time

In an effort to generate more ideas, everyone is urged to talk to non-DTC members to get 1-2 top-of-mind issues. These will be tallied to get additional ideas. Please email these top-of-mind issues to: [riccoent@aol.com](mailto:riccoent@aol.com)

The next Platform meeting will be in March. There will be another Letter to the Editor asking for people to attend. There will also be an email that will go out to invite people to attend.

## **Finance**

There will be another fundraiser. Thoughts are: a square-dance and a chili cook-off; a tag sale fundraiser; Bridgeport Blue Fish baseball event. All preceding ideas have been held in the past. Other ideas are entertainers or speakers.

Eric Fanwick will evaluate the legal implications of a tag sale.

## **Campaign**

The DTC is looking for a new Campaign Chair to replace Ted Hofstatter, who is now the Wilton DTC Chairman. If anyone has thoughts, please send this to Ted.

## **By-Laws**

No report.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Dinner to thank Sharon for her efforts as the Wilton DTC Chair  
Sharon started as the Wilton DTC Chair in Nov 2003 and led the Wilton DTC until Jan 2007.

Feb 27, Tues, 6:30pm at the Hunan Gourmet.

2. Adopt 100 Dems Plan Update  
Jon Tan, Program Chair, gives an update.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. There is a suggestion to have the Wilton DTC support the Iraq resolution against the surge.

Individually, we can sign-on to a number of websites, including Ned Lamont's, to oppose the surge.

2. Pls save the date: March 3, 7:30pm. Deb is hosting a 50<sup>th</sup> birthday party at Star Lighting the Way (Norwalk) for the developmentally disabled. Deb would not like gifts. Please send your gifts to Star Lighting the Way.
3. The League of Womens' Voters would like your support tomorrow, Feb 7, at 7:30pm at the Wilton Library Auditorium. There is a talk tomorrow on the immigration impact on towns and services. Pls call in advance to reserve your seat.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

END OF MINUTES