

WILTON DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE
August 7, 2007 Meeting
APPROVED MINUTES

ATTENDEES: Alice Ayers, Richard Creeth, Fred Herot, Charlie Lewis, Sharon Grace, Deborah McFadden, Ted Hofstatter, Jon Tan

Guest: Adam Blank (Young Democrats), Bruce Hampson

Absent and Excused: David Borglum, Eric Fanwick, Art Shulman, John Gardiner, Toni Lee, John Kalamarides, Ernie Ricco, Lois Alcosser, Troy Ellen Dixon, Paul Burnham, Tom Burgess, Ernie Loser, Kathleen Warner, Brian Lilly, Barbara Massy Bear, Margaret Reeves, Margaret Derosé

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

CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Deborah McFadden, Vice Chairman, takes the chair of this meeting.

CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Chris Murphy's fundraiser is on Aug 9 from 12-1:30pm with Nancy Pelosi. Suggested donation is \$100 per person.
2. Jim Himes' fundraiser is on Aug 22, lunch with DCCC Chair Chris Van Hollen.
3. Chris Dodd's fundraiser is on Aug 26 from 1-3pm in Portland, CT. Suggested donation is \$100 per person.
4. Young Dems event in Stamford was a success.

GUEST SPEAKER

Adam Blank of the Southern Fairfield County Young Democrats speaks to the Wilton DTC.

- The Young Democrats have recruited 409 democrats in Wilton

TREASURER'S REPORT

No Treasurer's report

SELECTMAN'S REPORT

1. There is a new Energy Commission. Mike Lindbergh, Republican, is the new Energy Commission Chair. Mike was formerly on the Board of Finance. The Energy Commission will have 7 members. Richard Creeth is a non-voting member of the Commission.

There is a lot of potential to contribute to energy conversation through the collaboration with the Board of Education. The Board of Education is roughly 2/3 of the town budget and maybe has 2/3 of the energy consumption.

Bruce Hampson is expressing interest to learn more about the Energy Commission. Bruce has just retired as the General Manager for Trane in NYC.

2. Lois Ayers is now a member of the Planning and Zoning Board, but has yet to be sworn in.
3. Ted Hofstatter is now a member of the Board of Selectmen, but has yet to be sworn in.
4. There is a new Capital Appropriation process that will be put into place. There was previously none.
5. There was a presentation on a blight ordinance. There is a motion to institute a blight ordinance even though there are only about 4 houses in town that have an issue with blight (junk cars and trash in the yard). There is a new Zoning Enforcement Officer.
6. There is a new Code of Ethics that has been approved.

There are not going to be any real estate practitioners on the Planning and Zoning Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership

No report.

Nominating

No report.

Platform

No report.

Campaign

Kathleen Warner will become the next Campaign Chair. This will be voted upon in the Sept DTC meeting.

The League of Women's Voters plans to host a candidates' forum on Oct 18 at 7pm at the Wilton Library.

Sharon Grace will help to prepare our town Board candidates by putting together questions for them.

By-Laws

No report.

Platform

Please check out the new platform that has been voted on at the July 24, 2007 Caucus.

Finance

The Fundraising Barbeque will be on Sept 8, 2007, 12-2pm at Merwin Meadows. Guests will be Jim Himes (Congress CD4), Susan Bysiewicz (Sec of State), Nancy DiNardo (Democratic State Central Chair) and Jason Bartlett (State Rep).

The fundraising tickets (10 per DTC member) were passed around. Ticket costs are:

- \$50 for ages 13 and up
- \$10 for ages between 3 and 12
- free for ages 2 and below
- There will be a cap of \$120 for any one family, since this is a family event.

The Finance Committee has decided to spend:

- \$1000 for tables, chairs and the tent
- \$250 for space rental
- \$100 for ticket printing

The Wilton DTC is looking for volunteers to help on the day of the event.

The Wilton DTC needs a single point-person to coordinate this event. Ted Hofstatter volunteers for this. Barbara Massey Bear will be out-of-town but will make sure all rentals are in order before she leaves.

As the coordinator, Ted Hofstatter will:

1. Coordinate finances (ticket prices and purchase tracking) with Eric Fanwick
2. Send an evite out to all on the invite list. Sharon Grace is the keeper of the invite list.
3. Coordinate rentals with Barbara, to receive the rentals
4. Finalize food list purchases
5. Coordinate activities with all volunteers
6. Post flyers in all designated areas
7. Resend barbecue agenda (speakers, activities) by email

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Adopt 100 Dems Plan Update

We have 40% of the names (1,065 out of 2,658 names) picked by DTC members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

END OF MINUTES