

**WILTON DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE**  
**December 4, 2007 Meeting**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

**Attendees:** Charlie Lewis, Kathleen Warner, Art Shulman, Deborah McFadden, Margaret Derose, Richard Creeth, Toni Lee, Brian Lilly, John Gardiner, Fred Herot, Robert Morgan, John Kalamarides, Jon Tan

**Guests:** Paul Greatsinger, Karen Birck

**Absent:** Eric Fanwick, David Borglum, Ted Hofstatter, Dan Darst, Sharon Grace, Tom Burgess, Troy Ellen Dixon, Alice Ayers, Ernie Ricco, Ernie Loser, Barbara Massy Bear, Lois Alcosser, Margaret Reeves

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm.

**Guests Address the Wilton DTC**

1. Paul Greatsinger asks for holiday Care Package donations for The Third Batallion, 5<sup>th</sup> Marines infantry unit. This unit has approximately 1,100 soldiers and is on its fourth deployment in Iraq. If anyone would like to send a Care Package, please use the US Postal Service FREE boxes (size #4 or #7) for Priority Mail and send directly via the US Postal Service to:

LCpl Luke Dvorak  
Company I, TF 3/5  
Unit 40385  
FPO-AP 96426-0385

If anybody wants additional information, please contact Paul Greatsinger at tel (203) 356 0819.

2. Lee Whitnum, Democratic Congressional candidate for 4<sup>th</sup> CD asks for support from the Wilton DTC in order to spur a primary run. Lee Whitnum is a Greenwich, CT resident. Some of Lee's major stances are:
  - The US should limit technical H-1 work visas, as this takes away technical jobs from our citizens
  - Illegal immigrants should be deported. Illegal immigrants take away jobs from our citizens and take advantage of US benefits (e.g. medical care) without paying taxes.
  - an Anti-Iraq War position

**Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of Nov 6, 2007 are unanimously approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The DTC has a balance of approximately \$2,200. From the picnic, the DTC had a gross intake of \$3,480 and netted roughly \$1,900.

### **Chair's Announcements**

1. There was a Straw Vote taken among the attendees of this DTC meeting and the unscientific Straw Vote result is that Hillary Clinton is in first place and Barack Obama is in second place.
2. The 2008 Wilton DTC calendar is proposed and unanimously approved:

Jan 8	DTC Meeting and Caucus
Jan 16	Certification to Town Clerk on Jan 16, 4pm
Feb 12	Presidential Primary
Mar 4	
Apr 1	
May 13	
June 3	
July 1	
Aug 5	
Sep 2	
Oct 7	
Nov 18	
Dec 2	

### 3. Website Committee

The Website Committee has been formed and is unanimously approved by the DTC.

The mission of the Website Committee will be the gathering of information, writing of articles and design and regular updating of the Wilton Democratic Town Committee's website.

The Website Committee shall be composed of at least 3 members and up to 5 members including the Webmaster, Margaret Derosé. The majority of members shall be members of the Town Committee.

These individuals will meet monthly to discuss additions, updates and deletions on the site as well as the various issues that should be presented, events to be posted and other website content.

The Committee will present its report on a monthly basis to the Town Committee.

The purpose of the website shall be to:

1. Express the position of the Wilton Democratic Town Committee on local issues
2. Provide information for Democrats and the voters of Wilton, CT

3. Attract and retain volunteers for various Wilton Democratic Town Committee activities
4. Encourage and welcome more Wiltonians and other locals to Wilton Democratic Town Committee events and events we support
5. Assist in our efforts to raise funds for the Wilton Democratic Town Committee and for candidates and issues we support

The majority of the articles on the site shall focus on the people and issues in Wilton and Fairfield County.

Any content that is to appear on the website shall be approved by the majority of the Website Committee's members before it is posted on the site, in order to maintain the majority viewpoint of the Wilton Democratic Town Committee.

#### 4. Charter Commission

The Wilton DTC has proposed the following for the Charter Commission:

- Toni Lee
- Paul Burnham
- Louise Herot
- Kathleen Warner

The Wilton DTC is looking for additional volunteers. Please let the Wilton DTC Chair, John Kalamarides, know if there are additional volunteers.

#### 5. Democratic National Convention

The Wilton DTC is looking for volunteers for the Democratic National Convention. Please let the Wilton DTC Chair, John Kalamarides, know if there are volunteers.

### **Selectmen's Report**

Selectman Ted Hofstatter gives an update to the DTC. Safety guidelines around coyotes have been issued. Wilton will have a dog park at little or no cost. Working on the Seniors' Center.

There is a Pub Event for Jim Himes on Sat, Dec 15, 7-10pm at Murphy's Law in Bridgeport.

Fat Cat Event is on January 13, 2008. This is a fun, networking, open-to-all event.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Campaign Committee**

Kathleen Warner, Campaign Committee Chair, gives an update.

Feb 5 Primary. If any one would like to participate in the various Presidential Candidates' campaigns, please let Kathleen Warner know.

There will be a local Get-Out-the-Vote Phone Banking.

Kathleen Warner is holding a coffee event for Jim Himes on Sat, 8.

Separately, Kathleen Warner talks on behalf of the Hillary Clinton Campaign, as a Hillary Clinton for President Campaign member (not as Campaign Committee Chair). Kathleen Warner is on the Steering Committee for the Hillary Clinton for President Campaign. Kathleen Warner is the 4<sup>th</sup> CD representative for Hillary Clinton and asks for Hillary Clinton support from the Wilton DTC.

Previously registered unaffiliated voters who want to change registered affiliation (Democratic or Republican), at this point, cannot vote in either Primary.

**Finance Committee**

No update

**Nominating Committee**

No update

**Platform Committee**

No update

**Membership Committee**

No update

**By-Laws Committee**

No update

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

100 Dems Plan – Jon Tan and Art Shulman are discussing ways to reinvigorate the 100 Dems Plan and would like to defer the update to the DTC to the Jan 8 DTC meeting.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATE**

Karen Birck, Board of Education, speaks to the DTC on some of the Board's activities and priorities:

1. There will be a year-long analysis on the languages program: language choices, timing and language education depth.

Currently, students can choose languages at the following junctions: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> grade and High School.

2. The Board is looking at energy savings activities. There is an initiative to save run-rate expenses by investing \$146k on an interest free loan. Estimated savings is \$98k per year.
3. Replacement of High School HVAC system.
4. Dedicated Pre-School space
5. High School lighting and security access (key card access for teachers)
6. Science focus. There is an analysis being performed to determine whether Physics would begin to be taught in the first year of High School.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

END OF MEETING MINUTES