

Wilton Democratic Town Committee

Minutes from April 6, 2010 Meeting:

Chairman John Kalamarides called the meeting to order promptly at 7:30 PM. The Chairman immediately introduced Susan Bysiewicz, Secretary of State for Connecticut and candidate for Attorney General.

Ms. Bysiewicz spoke for close to 45 minutes and recapped her career, achievements as Secretary of State, her qualifications to be Attorney General, and goals that she hopes to achieve should she be elected A.G.

In recapping her 11 years as Secretary of State she recounted 3 major areas where she believes she has been very effective:

- Consumer and environmental protection
- Civil rights
- The leveling of the playing field for CT businesses versus out of state businesses doing business in our state.

As Attorney General she again outlined 3 major areas where she intends to have an impact:

- Electric reform. She stated that deregulation in CT was very poorly handled and that residents pay much more than other areas in the country. She was in favor of creating a public utility that would significantly reduce costs to residents.
- Addressing and reducing domestic violence.
- Aggressive oversight of financial institutions.

Lastly, she informed the committee that a lawsuit claiming that she is ineligible to run for Attorney General that was inspired by state Republicans is working its way through the court system. A hearing is scheduled for April 14th. She expressed confidence that the case had no merit.

The committee thanked her for her time.

Ted Hoffstatter noted that the DSCC is keeping a close eye on the lawsuit and that if it isn't resolved quickly, alternative candidates will by necessity be considered.

Art Shulman, Treasurer, reported that at the end of the first quarterly reporting period the committee had a total of \$2,065.33 in the bank. He noted that the Spring Fundraiser would be upon us soon and that it was important to make it a big success as funds were needed for the upcoming November elections.

The Chairman offered a motion to move the 6/1 meeting to 6/8/10. The motion passed.

The committee moved to formally endorse candidates Jim Himes (US Congress), Peggy Reeves (CT House of Representatives) and Dick Blumenthal (US Senate).

A kickoff party to launch Peggy's campaign was announced for April 9th at her home.

Town Selectman Ted Hoffstatter reported on the ongoing budget process that has the school budget front and center. He noted that there were polarized opinions regarding the need to freeze or cut the school budget, versus continuing to invest in and improve the schools. He also spoke about his proposal on banning plastic bags at retail shops in town.

Barbary Massy-Bear addressed the upcoming (5/8/10) Spring Fundraiser and distributed tickets to be sold by committee members. Jim Himes and Peggy Reeves will be speaking, and the committee is working on other potential guest speakers.

An announcement was made reminding the committee that the nominating convention for candidates for the CT House of Representatives will be on May 25th.

Lastly, Deb McFadden, Chairperson of the Campaign Committee reported that the group was already in full gear creating a strategy for the November elections. She emphasized the importance of the races, that we did a very effective job in the last election, and that a lot of effort, time, manpower and money will be required once again. She also told the committee that while we would be supporting the entire slate, special emphasis would be placed on Peggy and Jim's races.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn.