

**Sudbury Democratic Town Committee (SDTC)**  
**Minutes of the meeting of 18 May 2005**

The meeting was convened at 7:15 pm in the Unitarian Church by Chairperson Beverly Guild. Ten persons, all SDTC members, were in attendance as indicated by the attached sign-in sheet.

The minutes of the previous meeting of 28 April, that had been vetted by email, were approved without change, and paper copies of those minutes were distributed at today's meeting.

Helga Andrews, Treasurer, reported that the SDTC still has about \$1700 free and unencumbered.

A report on actions of the Social Security Subcommittee, written by Carl Offner, who was unable to attend the meeting, was circulated by email among the SDTC. This report was read on 18 May by the Secretary and is attached to these minutes in the record.

There followed a general recapitulation of the recent Democratic State Convention, led by the attending delegates. Some were disappointed by the way in which discussion of issues and voting were truncated abruptly in the afternoon. It might have been wise to deal with these matters well before the end of the convention. Through an assumed oversight, the party platform was not posted on the website of the Massachusetts Democratic Party. On a positive note, the convention did start on time and people did have the opportunity to move about and meet others.

Henry Noer reported that a committee hearing on the state-wide resolution opposing elements of the USA-Patriot Act and other restrictions on civil rights is scheduled for the morning of Wednesday 29 June (perhaps 22 June) in the State House. Members are urged to attend. It is hoped that the committee will hand down a favorable recommendation to the House. He also mentioned that the Historic Commission of Sudbury is engaged in an effort to prevent the razing of the Walker Farm House and to preserve it as an historic house. Those interested ought to contact the Historic Commission.

There was brief discussion of the impending reception for Martha Coakley (aspiring to Attorney General) and Charles Murphy (aspiring to Middlesex District Attorney) on 24 May at the Nixon School. Plans seem to be well in hand, but more volunteers for refreshments would be welcomed.

After confirming **the next meeting for Thursday 23 June at the First Parish of Sudbury**, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

**Announcements**

A reception and discussion with Jarrett Barrios, who aspires to Middlesex Attorney General, will be held on Tuesday 14 June at 7 pm at the Goodnow Public Library. Contact Jeanne Maloney or John Thomas for details, [johnthomas@johnthomas.org](mailto:johnthomas@johnthomas.org).

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Middlesex District Democratic picnic, featuring candidates for Governor, will be held on Sunday 10 July from 12:30-4 pm at the residence of the Larkins, 246 Carlisle Road (Rt. 225), Bedford. Please notify the Larkins if you plan to attend.

If you have not already done so, please forward your 2005 dues of \$25 minimum, c/o SDTC, to Helga Andrews, 11 Maple Ave., Sudbury. Dues were expected on or about 1 January 2005.

Please remember to submit to the Secretary a copy of text or outline of verbal reports made at meetings, particularly if the report is long or complex. This is the only way to assure that an accurate summary is entered into the minutes.

Thomas Hollocher, Secretary, 25 May 2005