

Sudbury Democratic Town Committee (SDTC)
Minutes of the meeting of 13 July 2005

The meeting was convened at 7:15 pm in the Unitarian Church by Chairperson Beverly Guild. Twelve persons were in attendance, including eleven members and one guest, as indicated by the attached sign-in sheet.

The minutes of the previous meeting of 23 June, that had been vetted by email, were approved upon correction of several typographical errors. Paper copies of the uncorrected minutes were distributed on 13 July.

Helga Andrews, Treasurer, reported that the SDTC has a balance of \$1720 as of July. Those who attended the meeting last night of the Middlesex and Worcester Democrats from towns comprising Senator Resor's district reported on the event. Discussion focused on how Democrats ought best explain and project Democratic Party principles when talking to others. The attendees found the discussion interactive, open, and interesting, but expressed reservations regarding the apparent lack of privacy in the room provided at the Holiday Inn of Boxborough. Would things have been said elsewhere that could not have been said there?

Beverly Guild reported that she informed Senator Fargo in person that the SDTC on 23 June had voted support and agreement with S.139, H.4055, "Act to Establish a Personal Care Attendant Quality Home Care Work Force Council". At the suggestion of the Secretary, she agreed to put this vote of support in writing and forward it to Senator Fargo.

It has become evident from recent telephone contacts that the Massachusetts Democratic Party has begun to organize for 2006 through a solicitation for precinct captains. Most present felt that there was no rush, and we have little understanding at present of who will be on the Democratic ticket in 2006. Does it make sense to commit to work for unknown candidates at this time?

Susan Thel raised the issue of peace or antiwar demonstrations (and their lack at our recent 4th of July parade) now that there is a movement in Congress to withdraw troops from Iraq. She volunteered to chair a subcommittee to organize such activity, perhaps in cooperation with other town committees and antiwar groups, and called for subcommittee membership. Winifred and Maurice Fitzgerald, Carl Offner, Jackie Bausk, and Tom Hollocher volunteered. Thel suggested Veteran's Day, 11 November, as a possible target date for a publicized demonstration.

A discussion of the dates of future meetings was resolved by stipulating the third Wednesday of each month, starting in September 2005.

After confirming **the next meeting for Wednesday 24 August at the First Parish of Sudbury**, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Announcements

The Natick Democratic Town Committee plans to hold its annual barbecue on Tuesday 19 July, starting at 6:30 pm at 11 Russell Circle, Natick. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to Richard Philben, 508-653-0679.

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, 10 July 2005