

**Sudbury Democratic Town Committee (SDTC)**  
**Minutes of the meeting of 11 October 2006**

Vice-chairperson Carmine Gentile convened the meeting at 7:15 pm in the First Parish of Sudbury. Fourteen persons were in attendance, comprising twelve members and two guests. The attendance list is attached to these minutes in the permanent record. The guests were: George McQueen and Julia Euling. Thanks for coming, and we hope you will become involved in our work!

The minutes of the previous meeting of 12 September, which had been vetted by email, were approved subject to correction of a typographical error cited by Esther Mann. Paper copies of the minutes were distributed at the start of today's meeting.

The Treasurer was absent, so there was no financial report.

**Membership:** The two guests were welcomed, and this note of fellowship was followed later by brief personal introductions by each person present. These comments focused chiefly on private motivations that led to Democratic Party affiliation.

Because of a prior expression of interest, George McQueen was nominated and duly elected to Associate Membership in the Committee. His email address is bhvv@msn.com.

**Meeting time:** A brief discussion was held to clarify the traditional starting time for our evening meetings. Was the time 7:00 or 7:15 pm (notwithstanding the fact that the minutes of the previous meeting always stipulate 7:15 pm as the beginning of the next meeting)? The discussion decided that the traditional starting time shall be "7:15 pm sharp".

**Current projects:** Carl Offner reported on the completion of the recent mass mailing in behalf chiefly of Deval Patrick and Tom Conroy (copy of letter is in the permanent record), and discussed the planned phone bank work. In this regard, Tom Hollocher presented the schedule of phone bank sessions and called for volunteers from among the attendees.

Henry Noer reported on our participation in Sudbury Day on 17 September. Our booth was visited by many people, interesting discussions were held between staff of the booth and visitors, and campaign literature was distributed. A number of voter registration forms were also given out. Democratic candidates Tom Conroy, Susan Fargo, and Pamela Resor visited the grounds and our booth. Noer declared the effort a success and thanked the supporting staff for their service.

On the visibility project, Noer said that sessions were planned every Saturday (Sunday, if rain) from 1-3 pm at the intersection of Rt. 20 and Union Ave. He and Maxine Yarbrough would provide signs, but bring your own if you have some.

Regarding the Conroy campaign for district representative, Noer said that he taped an interview with Conroy recently and the tape is scheduled to be shown soon locally on Channel 8 cable TV. In addition, he is helping Conroy prepare for the League of Women Voters candidates' night that is to be held on 18 October at our Goodnow Library.

The big pre-election rally that Noer had hoped to organize cannot be realized. Perhaps a smaller one can be organized sometime in late October or early November.

A rambling discussion centered on the character assassination ads of Lt. Governor Kerry Healey. There was much concern that they were working, but some opinion that they were not.

**"Civics":** Eileen Glovsky reported that the Lincoln-Sudbury High School seems to do a good job of teaching the traditional subject matter of Civics courses, but as themes and threads in history and social studies classes. She referred the meeting to the website of the school's History Department for details.

**The next meeting is scheduled for 7:15 pm sharp, Tuesday 14 November 2006, in the First Parish of Sudbury.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

### **Announcements**

If you have not already done so, please forward your 2006 dues of \$35 minimum, c/o SDTC, to Helga Andrews, 11 Maple Ave., Sudbury. Dues were expected on or about 1 January.

On Sunday 12 November at 2:30 pm, there will be a meeting concerning universal health care at the Goodnow Library featuring Marsha Angel.

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, 21 October 2006.