

Sudbury Democratic Town Committee (SDTC)
Minutes of the meeting of 16 August 2007

Chairperson Beverly Guild convened the meeting at 7:15 pm in the First Parish of Sudbury. Fourteen persons were in attendance, comprising eleven members and associate members and three guests: State Democratic Committee members James McGowan and Parwez Wahid, and Democratic candidate for the US Senate Ed O'Reilly. The attendance list is attached to these minutes in the permanent record.

Minutes: The minutes of our meeting of 18 July, which had been vetted by email and distributed at this evening's meeting, were approved as submitted.

Finances: The Treasurer reported via the Chair that the current balance in the SDTC's account is \$665, unchanged from last month.

Discussion: The greater part of the meeting was devoted to a presentation by Ed O'Reilly, who will oppose John Kerry for Kerry's US Senate seat. He is a native of Watertown, attended the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and New England Law School, and has had extensive experience as a criminal defense attorney and fireman. He presented as quite progressive, and advocated a single payer universal health system, immediate withdrawal of our military from Iraq, massive investment in renewable energy programs for which federal leadership is essential, ultimate energy independence, and vigorous action by the US to limit the hazards of global warming. He also sees the need for greater federal investment in education. His election campaign will not accept funds from PACs. A lively question and answer session followed his formal presentation.

Subcommittee reports:

Holiday party: The date is now set as 8 December at the Hosmer House. It was moved and approved to make a donation of \$150 to the Hosmer House in connection with the party.

Sudbury Day: Henry Noer indicated that plans were on track for our participation. He hopes that our elected officials and candidates will be able to attend, including Ed O'Reilly and the winner of the congressional primary election.

Rep. Conroy support: We need to plan for a fund raising affair, perhaps for the benefit jointly of Tom Conroy and the Democratic candidate for US Congress.

Peace vigil: It still continues during the summer, but fewer people are attending.

Sundry matters: James McGowan announced his intention to seek reelection as a Massachusetts Democratic Committee member and asked those who would to sign his nomination papers

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:15 pm sharp, Tuesday 18 September 2007 in the First Parish of Sudbury.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Announcements

If you have not already done so, please forward your 2007 contribution of \$35 minimum, c/o SDTC, to Helga Andrews, 11 Maple Ave., Sudbury.

Parwez Wahid announced that the Framingham DTC will hold a BBQ on Saturday 18 August from 2-5 pm at 116 Parker Road. Judy Deutsch announced that there will be a discussion to update the new Massachusetts health care reform law on 28 October at 2:30 pm in the Goodnow Library.

Please 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, 26 August 2007.