

Sudbury Democratic Town Committee (SDTC)
Minutes of the meeting of 18 September 2007

Chairperson Beverly Guild convened the meeting at 7:15 pm in the First Parish of Sudbury. Seventeen persons were in attendance, comprising sixteen members and associate members and one guest: Carl Elkin of Sudbury. The attendance list is attached to these minutes in the permanent record.

Minutes: The minutes of our meeting of 16 August, which had been vetted by email and distributed at this evening's meeting, were approved as submitted.

Finances: The Treasurer reported that the current balance in the SDTC's account is about \$735.

Discussion: Several persons commented on Sudbury Day. Overall, our SDTC booth attracted many people and hundreds of pieces of literature were given out. Tom Conroy, our state representative was present most of the afternoon, attracted many visitors, and seemed engaged in conversation almost continuously. Our state senators did not appear, nor did Niki Tsongas or her representative. There seemed to be fewer booths this year, perhaps because of rain in the morning.

Henry Noer urged members to communicate to Representative Tom Conroy opinions regarding the recent plan of Governor Patrick to permit the operation of three and possibly four gambling casinos in Massachusetts.

Subcommittee reports:

Niki Tsongas support: Our two campaign captains in Sudbury are Jeanne Maloney and John Greeley, who announced that phone banks will operate in Acton from the former Jamie Eldridge headquarters Thursday evenings and that visibility is planned for the afternoons of Saturday, 6 and 13 October, 1-3 pm along Rt. 20 at Sudbury Farms. They appealed for help in man- and womanpower. It was moved and unanimously approved to contribute \$100 to the Tsongas campaign.

Peace vigil: Susan Thel reported that attendance at the peace vigil has been rather low of late, perhaps due to lack of perceptible effect, the hoax of the "Surge" in Iraq, and general disappointment with the inaction of Congress. Henry Noer and others argued strongly to continue the vigil.

Rep. Conroy support: Jeanne Maloney reported that a fundraiser for Tom Conroy will be held on 8 or 15 November at the home of Robin Gunderson. [This was set for 8 November on 9/19.]

Membership: Tom Hollocher nominated three associate members of SDTC for full (voting) membership on the basis of their significant and sustained contributions to one or another campaign in the congressional primary. They were Peg Espinola, John Greeley, and Gary Bean. Hollocher argued that, although they had not served as associate members for a full year (9-11 months), their contributions toward the election of worthy Democratic candidates was the more important consideration. They were unanimously elected to full membership, Bean in absentia but with written consent.

Tsongas visit: Henry Noer moved and had unanimously approved that the Secretary should send a letter to Niki Tsongas asking her to visit Sudbury before the election and saying that we (the SDTC as a whole) would facilitate such a visit. [This letter was composed with the assistance of Jeanne Maloney and was forwarded by email and post on 9/20/07, a copy of which is in the permanent record.]

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:15 pm sharp, Wednesday 17 October 2007 in the First Parish of Sudbury.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 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.

Thomas Hollocher, Secretary, 20 September 2007.