

Sudbury Democratic Town Committee (SDTC)
Minutes of the meeting of 13 February 2008

Chairperson Beverly Guild convened the meeting at 7:15 pm in the First Parish of Sudbury. Thirteen members and associate members were in attendance. The attendance list is attached to these minutes in the permanent record.

Minutes: The minutes of our meeting of 15 January 2008, which had been vetted by email and distributed at this evening's meeting, were approved as submitted.

Finances: Helga Andrews, Treasurer, reported a balance of \$1235 in account.

Reports, discussion and actions:

SDTC website, sudburymocrats.org: The Secretary reported that our website is now up to date, thanks to the diligent work of Eric Shienbrood. The documents page still presents as a holding page, but soon will be faced with a table of contents that will provide descriptive titles. Eric has also added a membership page that provides names and type of membership, but no other information. We also plan to initiate a page for photographs and place a photograph on the home page. Members with photographs descriptive of the history, mission, or activities of the SDTC should contact Eric regarding transfer of electronic files.

James Eldridge: A number of members from Sudbury attended the Eldridge fundraiser on 6 February. At that event, Pamela Resor announced, at least semi-officially, that she did not intend to run for renewal of her Senate seat. Subsequently, that intention has been made official and, furthermore, Eldridge has announced his candidacy for her Senate seat. It is widely understood that Resor supports Eldridge in this race.

Sub-committee in support of Representative Tom Conroy: Two of our members, Judy Deutsch and Don Chauls, attended the recent meeting on state and local budgets in Wayland that was organized and moderated by Conroy. Chauls reported that it was an informative, well-run meeting. The Chair asked Chauls, in cooperation with Deutsch, to prepare a written summary of the salient points of that meeting and submit as a letter to the editor of the Sudbury Town Crier. Conroy's next office hours in Sudbury are scheduled for 16 February in the Goodnow Library. Maxine Yarbrough suggested that the Town Crier might be more receptive to feature stories on Conroy and other candidates for office than to letters to the editor.

Third Middlesex honors breakfast: The Third Middlesex Area Democrats plan to hold their annual honors breakfast on Saturday 26 April from 9-11 am at the Best Western in Waltham. The theme this year is, "Think Green", and the intention is to honor persons who worked outstandingly in the service of conservation, ecology, and against global warming. The meeting unanimously nominated Bruce Langmuir to attend the breakfast and receive recognition for his vigorous efforts to raise public awareness about the issue of global warming. The Secretary was instructed to inform him of the Committee's endorsement and welcome him to attend the breakfast.

Caucus 2008: The Caucus on 10 February was well attended and duly elected delegates to attend the Massachusetts Democratic Convention on 7 June.

Reconstitution of the Sudbury Democratic Town Committee: On the occasion of each presidential primary election, the SDTC effectively dissolves and is then reconstituted by those persons elected in the primary election. Twenty-two members and associate members of the 2007 Committee were nominated and stood for election. All were elected, and no person received the requisite minimum of five write-in votes needed to join the Committee. The list of nominees is entered in the permanent record. As part of the process to reconstitute the Committee, a nominating committee for officers was formed this evening, consisting of Maxine Yarbrough and Peg Espinola. The previous officers, all of whom were in attendance, advised this committee of their willingness to stand for re-election to head up the new SDTC. The Secretary supposes that the nominating committee will complete its work at the next meeting or via group email, although this matter seems to have been left hanging.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:15 pm, Thursday 13 March 2008 in the First Parish of Sudbury. Subsequent meetings in 2008 are scheduled for Tuesday 15 April, Wednesday 14 May, Thursday 19 June, Tuesday 15 July, Wednesday 13 August, Thursday 18 September, Tuesday 14 October, and Wednesday 12 November. Please put these dates on your calendars.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Announcements

If you have not already done so, please forward your 2008 contribution of \$35 minimum, c/o SDTC, to Helga Andrews, 11 Maple Ave., Sudbury.

U.S. Representative Niki Tsongas has announced a “town meeting” to discuss her recent visit to Iraq, from 6:30-8 pm on Wednesday 20 February at the Aston-Boxborough Regional High School. The high school is located at 38 Charter Road in Acton.

Thomas Hollocher, Secretary, 16 February 2008.