

**Sudbury Democratic Town Committee (SDTC)  
Minutes of the meeting of 18 September 2008**

Chairperson Beverly Guild convened the meeting at 7:15 pm in the First Parish of Sudbury. Thirteen members were in attendance, as well as three guests: Brendan Jarboe, Field Director for the campaign of Jamie Eldridge, and Jane and Clark Moeller of Sudbury. The attendance list is attached to these minutes in the permanent record.

**Minutes:** The minutes of our meeting of 13 August 2008, which had been vetted by email and distributed at this evening's meeting, were approved with the following change that was approved by a majority of 9 to 4: Delete the last two sentences of the second paragraph under Guests and Candidates.

**Finances:** There was no Treasurer's report.

**Guests and Candidates:** Brendan Jarboe discussed the Eldridge campaign, distributed a one page flier entitled, Upcoming Events, and reminded the meeting of the numerous volunteer opportunities offered by the campaign. Lawn signs are now available. He was aware that the main effort by the SDTC was in behalf of Tom Conroy's campaign, but hoped that some could find time to assist in the Eldridge campaign.

**General Discussion:**

Fundraiser for Jamie Eldridge starting at 7 pm on Thursday 25 September at the house of Hank Sorett: The assignments for the supply of finger food and drink were reviewed and seemed to be well in hand. Guests, in addition to members of the SDTC, were invited by Eldridge's campaign staff, and it was not known whether there had been follow up telephone calls. The number of possible attendees is therefore uncertain.

SDTC letter in support of Tom Conroy's campaign for re-election as district representative: Cost estimates developed by Jonathan Sclarsic suggested a figure of about \$4000 to send the letter to both Democrat and Un-enrolled voters, this amount to be raised from contributions by members. Could the letter include an appeal for funds to support the letter? This is possible, but it would require that the names of three members be dropped from the list of supporters, due to the election finance law. Tom Hollocher informed the meeting of two suggestions to minimize the funding problem offered by Tom Conroy in a telephone conversation. First, Conroy offered to invite some major potential donors to our Conroy fundraiser on 5 October. Second, at that event he would mention our letter and ask those in attendance to contribute to its cost. We shall know, therefore, immediately after that fundraiser the total amount available to support the letter. For that reason, the date of our next meeting was moved from Tuesday 14 October to Tuesday 7 October. The Chair and Secretary emphasized the need for each member attending to bring a few guests to the fundraiser. If funds prove wanting, Maxine Yarbrough suggested that the letter then be sent only to un-enrolled voters.

Fundraiser for Tom Conroy starting at 2 pm on Sunday 5 October at the house of Betty Thorne: Volunteers are needed to provide drink and finger food, under the coordination of Beverly Guild. It was suggested that we try to get the email list of people attending the Obama fundraiser on 26 September at the home of Doug Barth and invite them to the event on 5 October.

Sundry: Judy Deutsch noted that the Sudbury Town Crier this week ran a notice of our Saturday antiwar vigil. Generally it fails to do so.

**Caucus:** Because of the recent resignation of John Buonamo, Middlesex Registrar of Probate, a caucus needs to be held on the matter of his replacement. According to a protocol received by the Chair, the SDTC must convene a meeting during 22-23 September to select delegates to the caucus, which is scheduled for the 24<sup>th</sup>. The Chair fixed the meeting for 6 pm on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at her home. [The Chair subsequently informed the SDTC that the meeting was held and three delegates were selected: Henry Noer, Hank Sorett, and Beverly Guild.]

**Membership:** Clark and Jane Moeller were elected to full membership unanimously.

**Campaign contribution:** The meeting voted to make a \$50 contribution from the account balance to the campaign of Susan Fargo who is standing for re-election to the state senate, Sudbury precincts 1 and 4.

**Christmas party:** The meeting voted unanimously to hold the party again this year at the Hosmer House.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for 7:15 pm, Tuesday 7 October (NOT 14 OCTOBER) 2008, in the First Parish of Sudbury. The final meeting in 2008 is scheduled for Wednesday 12 November. Please put these dates on your calendars.**

**Announcements**

Door-to-door canvassing for Tom Conroy will be held on Saturdays, weather permitting, from 2-5 pm; phone banks are scheduled Monday through Thursday 5:30-8:30 pm from headquarters on Rt. 20 in Wayland opposite the Red Coach Inn. The campaign needs lots of help!

Dr. Arnold Relman will speak on the reforms needed to improve the U.S. health care system on Sunday 19 October from 2:30-4:30 at the Goodnow Library in Sudbury. The title of the talk is "Rescuing America's Health Care".

A Democratic political rally with candidates will be held at the town center on Sunday 2 November starting at 2 pm.

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.

Thomas Hollocher, Secretary, 24 September 2008.