

Sudbury Democratic Town Committee (SDTC)
Minutes of the meeting of 7 October 2008

Chairperson Beverly Guild convened the meeting at 7:15 pm in the First Parish of Sudbury. Seventeen members were in attendance, as well as one guest, Bob Savoy of Sudbury. The attendance list is attached to these minutes in the permanent record.

Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of 18 September 2008, which had been vetted by email and distributed at this evening's meeting, were approved.

Finances: The Treasurer presented the account balance in two parts. The general fund, comprised of ordinary yearly contributions to the SDTC, shows a balance of \$435; recent contributions to be spent expressly on the mass mailing in support of Tom Conroy's candidacy amount to \$2700.

General Discussion:

Mass mailing in Sudbury in support of Tom Conroy: The text of the letter composed by Carl Offner, Tom Hollocher, Jeanne Maloney, and others was circulated and Hollocher read p. 1 of the two-page document. Henry Noer, Hollocher and others had hoped that the mailing would also include an appeal for campaign contributions. In its present form, the text makes no such appeal, because to do so would require removal of three names from the sponsors list, the two Democratic Registrars and Claire Schlosser, under the campaign finance law. The meeting agreed informally not to include an appeal for funds. Hollocher urged the meeting not to make a binding decision regarding the recipients of the mailing -- registered Us, or both Ds and Us. Ideally we ought to send the mailing to both Ds and Us, which would cost about \$4000. Offner anticipates receipt of roughly another \$1000 for the mailing. If this comes in, Ds and Us will be targeted; if not, only Us. The meeting seemed agreeable to this idea. [In fact, the mailing was sent to Us and Ds starting about the 14th.]

Candidate debates starting at 7:30 pm on 14 October at L-S high school: An appeal was made to encourage SDTC members to arrive at 6:30 pm to hold sign for the Democratic candidates. Democratic candidates Conroy, Eldridge, and Fargo will be present.

Sign displays on the Common from 11-12 am on Saturdays: We need more people to hold signs and more signs for the state senatorial candidates, Susan Fargo and Jamie Eldridge, and for presidential candidate, Barak Obama. The Secretary was asked to contact inactive members to encourage them to attend the Saturday morning events. The Chair suggested that, if a large number of people turn out, the demonstration ought to split with one group's going to Rt. 20.

The Wall Street bailout: The meeting engaged in a wide-ranging discussion of the very recent congressional appropriation of some \$700 million to un-stick the credit market and deal with mortgage debt.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7:15 pm, Wednesday 12 November 2008, in the First Parish of Sudbury. This is the final, formal meeting of the year; everyone should try to attend.

Announcements

Rally for candidates every Saturday from 11 am to noon on the Common (maybe on Rt. 20 as well) and attend the peace rally that immediately follows from noon to 12:30 pm.

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!

The Amnesty International Group 15 meeting of Tuesday 28 October will be begin at 7:30 pm in Temple Karem Shalom, 659 Elm St., Concord, and feature U.S. Representative Niki Tsongas.

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, 16 October 2008.