

**Sudbury Democratic Town Committee (SDTC)**  
**Minutes of the meeting of 23 February 2009**

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

**Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting of 15 January 2009, which had been vetted by email and distributed at this evening's meeting, were approved as submitted.

**Finances:** The Treasurer reported that the current account balance is \$918 less \$100 owed to the First Parish.

**Sudbury Day:** A motion was presented and unanimously approved to appropriate the amount of the Sudbury Day registration fee from account, whatever that fee might be. The date of the event was believed to be 4 April. Discussion supported inviting our state representative and senators to Sudbury Day.

**Issues Subcommittee:** Donald Chauls reported that the position paper on Iraq and the shorter op-ed version have been widely distributed by email and post. Members were urged to forward the material to friends and relatives and to make suggestions to enlarge the distribution list. The possibility of a forum on Iraq, which had been discussed at the previous SDTC meeting, is now on hold. The next issue to be considered is universal health care, and Judy Deutsch has volunteered to draft a position paper. The next meeting of the subcommittee is scheduled for 15 March at 7:30 pm at the home of Chauls.

**Platform issues:** In order to better formulate a Massachusetts Democratic Party platform for adoption at the convention on 6 June, the state Platform Committee has urged town and municipal committees to hold hearings to discuss platform issues and thereby generate grass-roots input. This matter was discussed at some length, and a consensus developed that the SDTC would devote most of its next regular meeting on 17 March to platform issues. Members of the platform committee would be invited to attend and inform about mechanisms for the submission of planks and supporting material. This year, such submissions will be entirely electronic.

**Award meetings:** The award meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> MAD group is scheduled for 25 April at which time Democratic "workhorses" will be honored. George and Bunny McQueen were recommended to be the honorees from Sudbury. Similarly, Doug Barth, who organized the Obama campaign in Sudbury last year, was recommended to be an honoree at the awards meeting of the Middlesex and Worcester group on 5 April.

**Election of a new treasurer:** The ad hoc nominating committee nominated Nathaniel Fridman to be the new Treasurer of the SDTC, and he was voted in unanimously. A vote of sincere thanks was afforded Helga Andrews, who served with devotion and exactitude as Treasurer for many years.

**The new bill on the health care trust:** Judy Deutsch asked that a letter be sent to our representative, Tom Conroy, asking him to support a new state bill entitled, An Act to Establish the Health Care Trust, and to respond to our request. This bill, if passed, would effectively establish a single-payer, universal health care system in Massachusetts. She also asked that a letter of thanks be sent to our two state senators for their having already signed onto the bill. These requests, in the form of a motion, passed with a vote of 9 to 0.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for 7:15 pm, Tuesday 17 March 2009, in the First Parish of Sudbury. Subsequent meetings are scheduled for Wednesday 15 April, Thursday 14 May, Monday 15 June, and Tuesday 14 July.**

**Announcements**

The SDTC has acquired a postal mailbox: Mailbox 252, Sudbury MA 01776.

If you have not already done so, please forward your 2009 contribution of \$35 minimum, c/o SDTC, to Nathaniel Fridman, Treasurer, 25 Christopher Lane, Sudbury.

Thomas Hollocher, Secretary, 2 March 2009.