

SUDBURY DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE (SDTC)
Minutes of the May 14, 2009 Meeting

Chairperson Beverly Guild convened the meeting at 7:25 pm at First Parish in Sudbury. Attendees were: Betty Thorne, JoAnn Savoy, Henry Noer, Don Chauls, Carl Offner, Maxine Yarbrough, Judy Deutsch, Jeanne Maloney and John Riordan. Guests were Bob Savoy and Ramuel Raagas

MINUTES: Were accepted with one opposition by Don Chauls who questioned a few statements in the minutes. No discussion was held

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report given. Helga Andrews will continue to serve as Treasurer until a permanent appointment is made.

AWARD MEETINGS 3rd MADD Breakfast went well.. Maxine mentioned that Cory Atkins stated that budget cuts will be severe and that Republicans will use this in their campaign strategy. At the Middlesex and Worcester group, Kate Donoghue received many accolades for her service as did Congressman Jim McGovern.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

Carl mentioned that Jamie Eldridge and Tom Conroy are in favor of a graduated income tax. Jamie Eldridge and some other senators are working on a tax solution. Apparently a lengthy discussion was held between Governor Deval Patrick and the legislature on the issue of sales or gas tax to come up with a meeting of the minds.

The State Platform Committee is not supporting the Single Payer Health Plan.

STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION; Maxine stated that Patrick delegates are working hard for him. There are some Democratic Town Committees who are not supporting Patrick.

DEMOCRATIC TOWN REGISTRAR: Bev received a letter from the Town Clerk that the present registrar's term has expired We have 45 days to respond to her letter. Members will try to come up with some names. There are many restrictions put on what the individual can and cannot do. Essentially the Democrat cannot be active in Democratic Town Committee activities. Carl Offner mentioned that the person selected should periodically report to the Town Committee as to the activities the person would be involved in. The Registrar serves at the pleasure of the Town Clerk as she sets up the rules even though there are rules on the books.

4th OF JULY PARADE: STDC will participate in the parade. We may rent a truck or borrow one from Don Chauls who's in the process of purchasing one. Since this is an off-election year, some legislators may not participate.

TWO POSITION PAPERS ON HEALTH CARE:

Don Chauls presented one position paper that included topics from which members of the committee could send letters to newspapers, senators, reps, friends and organizations. Members could chose one topic to write about. BC copies could be forwarded to Sudbury Dems so that everyone knows who's writing on what topic in the paper. This is an important item. The subject matter can be elaborated on.

There are a few disagreements and a few incorrect statements in the second paper that need to be addressed. Thanks to all members who worked on the papers for their time and effort in producing two very fine documents. John Riordan has some comments that he will send to Don. Additional comments can be e-mailed to Don.

Don Chauls has scheduled another meeting, and invited all members of the committee to his home on Thursday, May 21st to finalize the second paper. Carl Offner moved that “we accept this document with subsequent changes over wording as the position of the SDTC at the State Democratic Convention.” So moved . The committee voted to accept and issue the once completed paper at the State Democratic Convention. Members will be asked to chip in for the printing of the report.

Henry Noer mentioned that the American Plan had an article on Single Payer. It featured a number of points to argue for change in response to President Obama’s backing off in supporting the Single Payer plan.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Next meetings scheduled for Monday 15 June at 7:15 pm and Tuesday, 14 July at 7:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Maloney
Acting Secretary for Tom Hollocher