

**Sudbury Democratic Town Committee (SDTC)**  
**Minutes of the meeting of 17 September 2009**

Chairperson Beverly Guild convened the meeting at 7:15 pm in the First Parish of Sudbury. Fifteen members attended, as well as two guests: State Committee member Kate Donaghue and Yong Li of Sudbury. The attendance list is attached to these minutes in the permanent record.

**Minutes:** Minutes of our meeting of 12 August, which had been vetted by email and distributed at this evening's meeting, were approved with the following addition: Insert the words "and Bob Gottberg" after "Maloney" in line 13.

**Finances:** The Treasurer reported through the Chair that the current account balance is \$817.

**Comments by Kate Donaghue:** Kate touched principally on three topics. Regarding the impending race for state treasurer, she has decided to support Steve Grossman. Second, she reminded the meeting that the race for the reelection of Deval Patrick as governor has begun and that she has been assigned the task of organizing a district that includes Sudbury. One of the initial projects involves collecting the names and contact information of committed voters for use later in the campaign. To this end, each town committee member and other activists are asked to collect this information for 50 voters committed for Patrick who may reside anywhere in Massachusetts. The state party will establish a kind of honor roll to recognize activists who succeed in this task. Third, Kate mentioned two changes in caucus rules being considered for adoption by the state committee. The first is to shift the dates for town caucuses so that they would occur between the Wednesday before February vacation and the Wednesday after the vacation. The second would require that an individual must be present in person at the caucus in order to be elected a delegate to the state convention.

**Memorial in behalf of George McQueen:** The discussion was continued from our August meeting chiefly under the leadership of Bob Gottberg (Jeanne Maloney was absent). Gottberg raised the possibility of a memorial through the Goodnow library, perhaps in the form of a book memorial, or a living memorial in the Memorial Garden of the First Parish. Proposals aired in some detail at our August meeting were also raised briefly, namely, a small scholarship to a deserving LSHS student or to support a high school student in a political internship. After much discussion, the meeting recommended that persons contact Bunny McQueen, as however convenient, to obtain a sense of her preferences for a memorial. Specifically, Pam Hollocher was asked to report to the SDTC by email on this matter after her planned meeting with Bunny on 23 September. [It was necessary to postpone this meeting, so Pam has not rendered a report as of this date.]

**Holiday party 2009:** Betty Thorner graciously offered her house for the annual holiday party, but, because of worries about parking and her rather obscure location in Sudbury, the weight of opinion centered on use either of the Hosmer House or the First Parish. [Henry Noer subsequently discovered that the First Parish was ruled out because mutually convenient dates were not available. Email response to this information indicated that the Hosmer House was acceptable.]

**Membership:** A former member of the SDTC, Bob Gottberg (rgottberg@msn.com), was elected a member unanimously.

**Resolution on the public option facet of health care legislation:** Don Chauls introduced a resolution informing our congressional delegates of the critical importance of a strong public option as part of health care reform. Chauls agreed to remove the last sentence of the resolution. Noer introduced a second resolution, similar in purpose to the first, and this resolution was finally adopted by acclamation.

**U.S. mission in Afghanistan:** A discussion of the U.S. mission in Afghanistan pointed up profound differences in the views and opinions of meeting attendees. Carl Offner introduced a resolution on the topic that provoked much discussion. Complaints about the late hour finally terminated further discussion.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 pm.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for 7:15 pm, Tuesday 13 October, in the First Parish. The final meeting for 2009 is scheduled for Wednesday 18 November at the same time and place.**

**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 Helga Andrews, Treasurer, 11 Maple Ave., Sudbury.

Thomas Hollocher, Secretary, 27 September 2009.