

**Sudbury Democratic Town Committee (SDTC)**  
**Minutes of the meeting of 20 May 2010**

Chairperson Beverly Guild convened the meeting at 7:15 pm at the First Parish Church of Sudbury. Ten members were in attendance. The attendance list is attached to these minutes in the permanent record.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting of 21 April 2010, which had been vetted by email and distributed at this evening's meeting, were approved as submitted.

**Finances:** The Treasurer, Jane Moeller, reported that the Committee's current account balance is \$1154.62

**Treasurer Candidate Forum:** Mr. Riordan discussed the planned May 23 Democratic Candidate Forum for State Treasurer to be held in Sudbury at the Grange Hall. The event is being held on behalf of the Middlesex & Worcester Democrats. Both Mr. Grossman and Mr. Murphy will attend. A number of members of the committee graciously offered to assist with logistics for the event.

**Patrick-Murray Community Forum:** Ms. Guild mentioned the Community Forum in Boxborough featuring Governor Deval Patrick and Lt. Governor Tim Murray that also is being held on Sunday, May 23. A number of Sudbury DTC members were assisting with staffing the forum and will be in attendance.

**Democratic Registrar of Voters:** Ms. Guild reported on the matter of a recommendation from the Sudbury Democratic Town Committee to the Town Clerk for a registrar of voters. It was noted that Mr. Gary Bean might be willing to serve if nominated. Mr. Gentile noted some concerns he has had about election procedures over the last several years. Mr. Noer described the election vote tallying process in more detail. Following a discussion initiated by Mr. Hollocher a motion was made by Mr. Gentile and seconded by Mr. Chauls to ask Mr. Bean to come to the next meeting and meet with the committee before any action was taken on nominating a candidate to the Town Clerk for this position. The motion was approved.

**3rd MAD Annual Picnic:** Ms. Guild informed the committee of the July 25 date set for the Third Middlesex Area Democrats annual picnic which will be held at the home of State Committeeman Tom Larkin, 246 Carlisle Road, Bedford, MA. Governor Patrick is reportedly planning to attend this popular annual event. Sudbury Democrats are invited and encouraged to attend.

**Ross Candidacy for Governor:** Mr. Noer informed the committee that Ms. Grace Ross had fallen significantly short of the required number of signatures necessary to have her name appear on the ballot as a Democratic candidate for Governor.

**Fourth of July Parade:** Mr. Noer mentioned the invitation from the Sudbury Chamber of Commerce to participate in the Sudbury 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. The parade begins at 1:00 p.m. on July 4, 2010. It seems that the order of organizations marching in the parade will be determined by the date of acceptance/commitment to participate. Mr. Noer accepted on behalf of the Sudbury DTC almost immediately. It was noted that candidates for elected office should receive an invitation to participate in the march. Mr. Riordan wondered if we could get a donkey to march with us as a mascot.

**Issues raised by Ms. Deutsch and Mr. Chauls:** Ms. Deutsch mentioned an upcoming local gala fundraising event for Haitian relief in which Ms. van Valey has been involved. She also discussed the single payer health insurance ballot initiative and signature drive. Mr. Chauls mentioned a couple of issues he has raised with Congresswoman Tsongas: (a) a two-state solution for the Middle East along the lines suggested by President Obama; and (b) a push by Peace Corps alumni for an expansion of the Peace Corps, which was a larger program in the 1960s than it is now. A lobbying effort last year had some success getting additional Peace Corps funding from the Congress. 2011 is the fiftieth anniversary of the Peace Corps.

Mr. Chauls also mentioned that he would like to see the work of the issues subcommittee continue on the subject of moving the Commonwealth to a progressive income tax system. He mentioned that this was not necessarily an initiative to increase total taxes but an effort to make the allocable burden of the existing revenue base more equitably distributed. He mentioned that due to the Massachusetts Constitution this involves lengthy, multi-year steps and we should get started now to begin the legislative and amending processes.

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22 at 7:15 p.m.**

**Announcements**

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

If you have not already done so, please forward your 2010 contribution of \$35 minimum, c/o SDTC, to Jane Moeller, 30 Thoreau Way, Sudbury, MA 01776.

John D. Riordan, Secretary, June 20, 2010.