

**Sudbury Democratic Town Committee (SDTC)**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of May 15, 2013**

Chairperson Beverly Guild convened the meeting at 7:15 p.m. at the Sudbury Senior Center. Sixteen members were in attendance, joined by five guests. The attendance list is attached to these minutes in the permanent record.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the April 16, 2013 meeting were adopted with an amendment to strike an extraneous paragraph repeating the schedule of 2013 meeting dates.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ms. Moeller provided the Treasurer's report indicating a total SDTC bank balance of \$1,102.85. The general account holds \$689.43. The balance in the special account for fundraising is \$413.42. All bills are paid up. Only seventeen members of the committee have paid their 2013 dues.

**Meeting location:** Mr. Gentile reported that we would clarify the Senior Center meeting location issue via the Council of Aging.

**State Senator Brownsberger:** Sen. William Brownsberger of Belmont introduced himself and addressed the committee on his potential candidacy for the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District seat if Cong. Markey is elected to the U.S. Senate. He stated that if elected he would not make a promise that he would not vote to make cuts to the Social Security program.

**Simon/Woodard/Gentile Town Selectmen Candidates:** Messrs. Simon, Woodard and Gentile spoke to the committee about their candidacies for the two new Selectmen seats to be decided in the June 25 election.

**SDTC Involvement in Town Election:** There was a discussion about the committee role in the nominally non-partisan town election. A motion made by Mr. Noer that would authorize the committee to expend funds sufficient to finance a 500 friends postcard campaign was approved unanimously.

**Markey U.S. Senate Campaign:** Mr. Offner spoke about the campaign's expectation of a low voter turnout in the June 25 special election. Weekend door to door canvassing in Sudbury will continue.

**Fourth of July:** Mr. Noer reported that the SDTC had been invited to participate in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July town parade. Mr. Noer moved and the committee approved participation in the annual parade. Mr. Riordan moved and the committee approved, over Mr. Moeller's vigorous objection, the expenditure of up to \$75.00 for candy to distribute to children along the parade route. Mr. Moeller suggested purchasing celery instead.

**Bank on Student Loan Fairness Act:** There was a brief discussion of this legislation sponsored by Sen. Warren.

**Old Business/New Business:** In old business Mr. Riordan reported on the work to update and cull the Yahoo group listserv. New business included a discussion of Ms. Yarbrough's status as a minority add-on convention delegate (Ms. Kennedy will investigate) and State Sen. Jamie Eldridge's legislation regarding placing limits and restrictions on solitary confinement in state prisons.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted, John Riordan, Secretary, June 19, 2013*