

Sudbury Democratic Town Committee (SDTC)
Minutes of the Meeting of 17 September, 2013

Chairperson Beverly Guild convened the meeting promptly at 7:15 p.m. at the Sudbury Grange Hall. Fifteen members were in attendance. There were three candidates for the 5th Congressional District in attendance, Mr. Martin Long, State Senator Katherine Clark, and State Senator Karen Spilka. The attendance sign-in sheet is included with the permanent records of the Committee.

Minutes: The minutes of the Tuesday, July 30, 2013 meeting were approved with a technical correction to the description of an amended resolution at the State convention in June.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Guild gave the Treasurer's report provided by Ms. Moeller. The committee has total funds on hand of \$965.55, of which \$413.52 represents amounts raised for candidate support from committee fundraising, and \$552.03 represents unrestricted operating funds.

Candidate Mr. Martin Long: Mr. Chauls introduced Martin Long. Mr. Long is a Democratic primary candidate for the open 5th Congressional District seat vacated by the election of Senator Ed Markey. Mr. Long informed the committee of his background, and spoke at length about transcendental, structural reform of government based on the progressive ideals of the New Deal. Mr. Long differentiated himself by speaking to *how* he was going to get things done, rather than offering a new set of policy ideas. He urged an approach that would call out Republicans on their "lies and nonsense". He thinks it will take as long as seven years to change government, tied to the decennial census and redistricting process.

Senator Katherine Clark: Ms. Guild introduced Senator Katherine Clark of Melrose. She spoke about health care in real terms, having just negotiated much of the health care/Medicare maze for her elderly parents. She gave the committee a biography and detailed her experience as a lawyer, including her work as a prosecutor with the Attorney General's Office in Colorado, and after moving to Massachusetts her service in Attorney General Coakley's office. She ran as a decided underdog in a formerly solid red state senate district and won, something of which she is proud. She emphasized in strong terms that if elected she would not compromise on gun control, women's rights issues and Social Security. She mentioned that she supports progressive tax reform, funding for higher education and public financing of elections.

Sciortino Meet & Greet: Mr. Hollocher provided a brief report on this event which is to be held at Betty Thorner's lovely home. Many SDTC members are attending. It looks like it will be a very successful event.

Candidates' Forum: Notice was provided of the joint DTC event at Framingham State University, Dwight Hall, 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Sunday Sept. 22 and the subsequent LWV forum at Wayland Middle School on Sept. 29 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

State Party Developments: Ms. Guild reminded all that, having achieved emeritus 20-year status, Kate Donaghue's seat is now open for a woman delegate from the Middlesex & Worcester Senate District. She urged women from Sudbury to consider running.

State Senator Karen Spilka: Ms. Guild introduced State Senator Karen Spilka of Ashland again, who had arrived mid-meeting. Senator Spilka also is a candidate for the 5th Congressional District seat Democratic primary on October 15. As in July Ms. Spilka spoke about her experience growing up in a dysfunctional family and her work experience which she believes will help her deal with a dysfunctional Congress. She stressed that she was an early advocate for addressing global climate change. She informed the committee that she has a proven track record of getting things done and the discipline to see things through to resolution, citing examples of public works benefits for Metro West, and her tenacity in facing down insurance industry opposition to reforms she sought in dealing with insurance claims denials. She discussed her ideas regarding improving the electric grid, support for renewable energy and her 2011 economic development bill. She mentioned in response to a question by Ms. Andrews that she would make education funding reform a priority if elected to Congress.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business: There was none. The next meeting was announced for Wednesday, October 16, 2013 at the Grange Hall.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, John Riordan, Secretary, October 16, 2013